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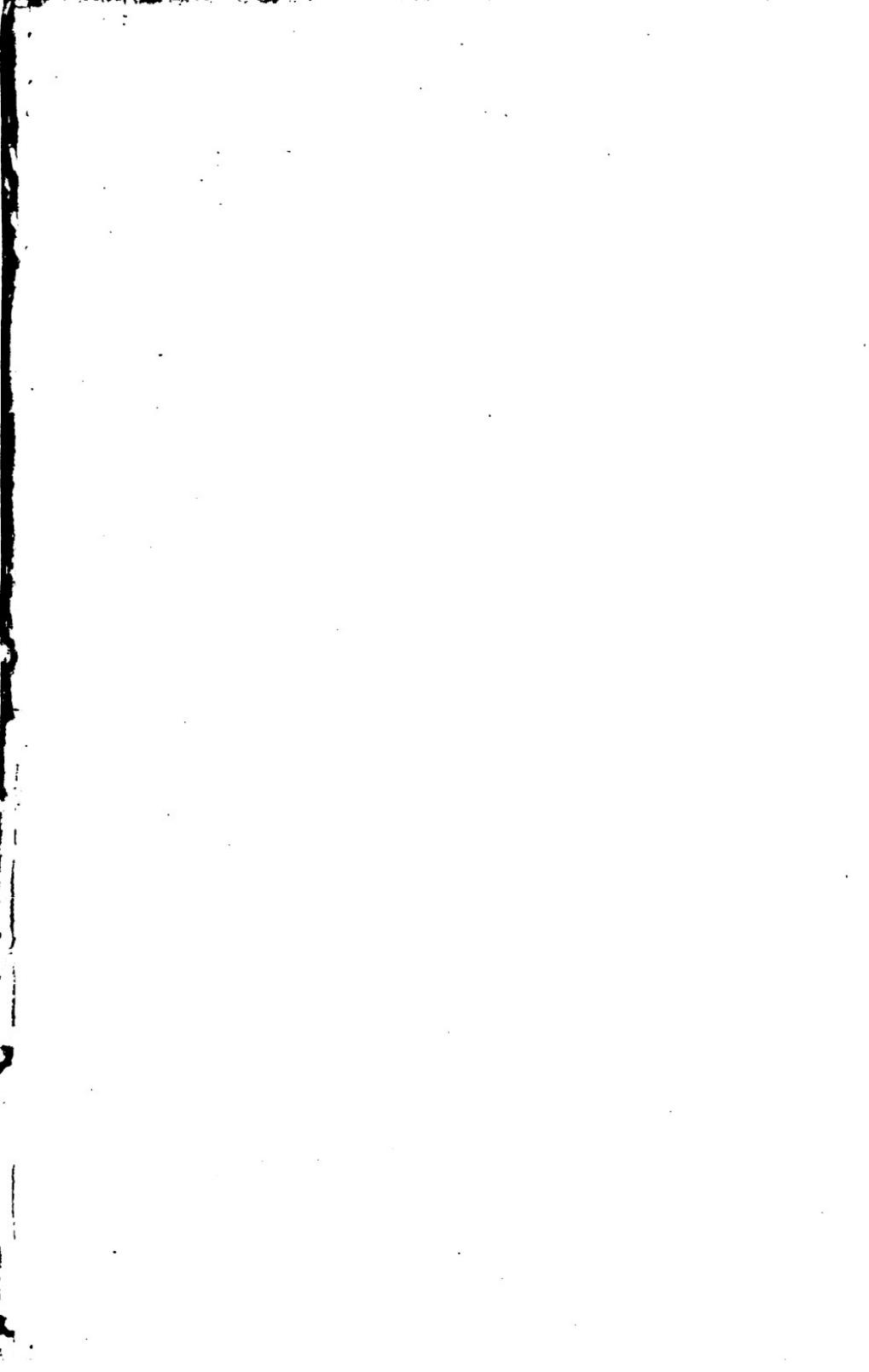
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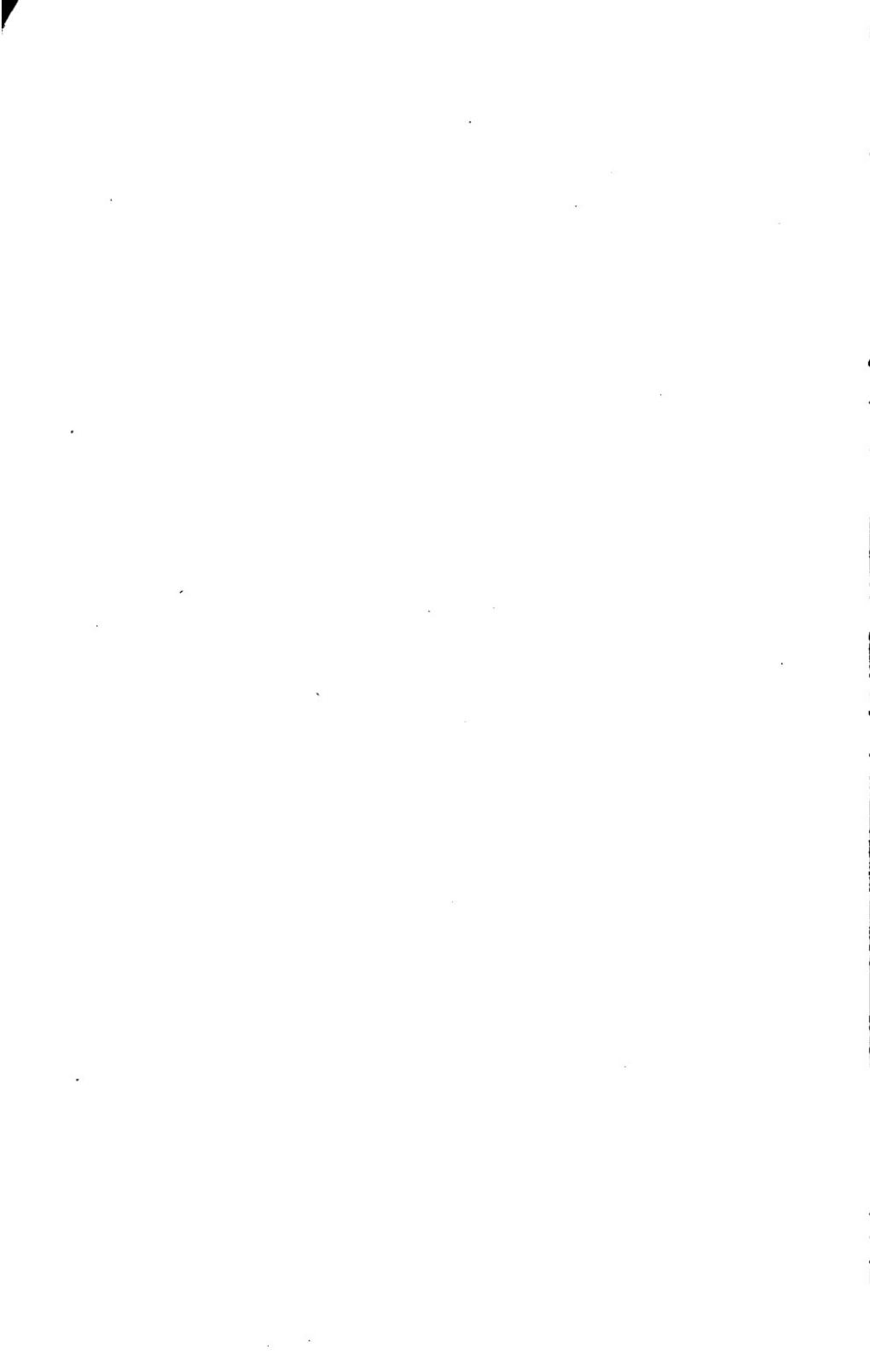
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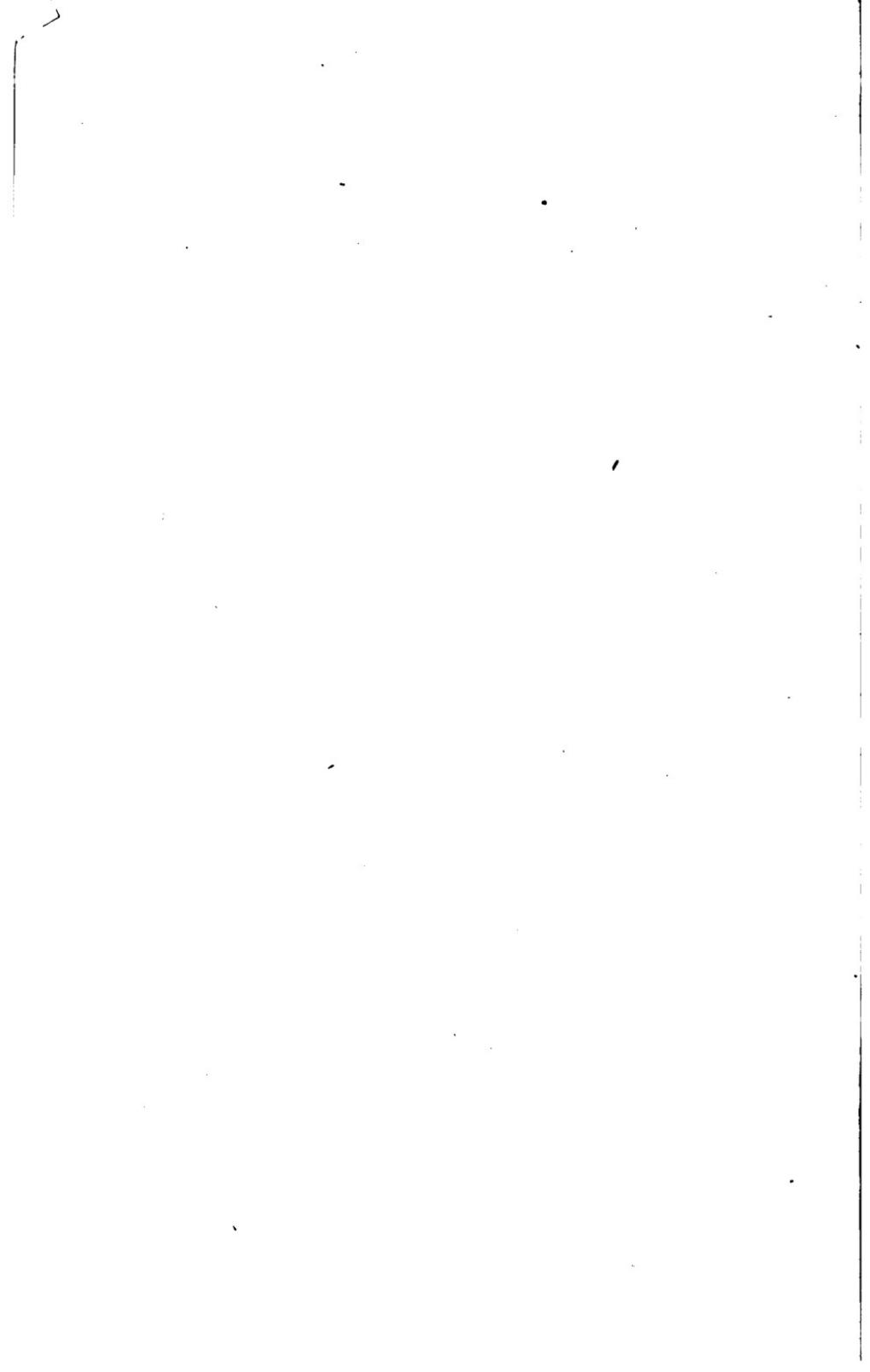
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### BOOK IV.

#### G L O S S A R Y.

[*The Initials D, E, G, L, T, V, refer to the Kalendars in Vol. I. and the Figures which follow them refer to the pages.*]

ABACUC.—With Marius, &c. Jan. 19. E. 449.

ABDON & SENNEN.—July 30. G. 410. V. 428 T. 441. E. 455. “3 Kal. (Aug.) Natalis Sanctorum Abdonis et Senes” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). Persian Prince martyred, 254.

Abitis.—Obits in old Eng. and Scot. See *Anniversary Days*.

Abraham.—See *Dominica de Abraham*.

Abreu, Abrieu.—April. “Le mois d’Abrieu.” N. Fr. Roman. &c.

Absolutionis Dies.—Day of Absolution (Holy Thursday) which precedes Good Friday: “In ipso absolutionis die, qui est ante parasceven.”—*Chron. Camerac.* l. iii, c. 74. The power of absolution, from oaths at least, seems to have been claimed in 750, when it was decreed, that an oath set against the interest of the church was not tenable: “Juramentum contra ecclesiasticam utilitatem non tenet” (*Decretal.* l. xi, t. 24, c. 27). By a canon of Edgar, in 967, the bishop is directed to administer absolution to all the people assembled together, on Thursday before Easter (*Spelm. Concil.*, t. I, p. 461). Hence, among us, this day was called *Schir*, *Shere*, and *Shear Thursday*. In the reign of Charlemagne, and in that of Louis, absolution was by petition and judicial: “May God put away all thy sins, and deliver thee from all evil” (*Bib. Patr.*) Henry I. of England, having a reluctance to break his promise, was thus assured by P. Calixtus: “I am Pope, and will absolve you from your promise.” In consequence of a papal dispensation to nullify his father’s will, which Henry II. had sworn to execute, the king robbed his brother of his inheritance (*Eadmer*, V. 126; *Innet, Orig. Brit.*, 306, 344).

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*See Cœna Domini; Dies Mandati; Dies Viridi; Jeudi Saint; Maundy Thursday, &c.*

**ACACIUS.**—See **ACHACIUS**.

**Accensio Lunæ.**—The first illumination of the new moon in each month. In a MS. kal. at St. Germaine's of the 10th century: “Luna Januarii media nocte accenditur; Luna Febr. inter medium noctem et galli cantum accenditur, &c.”—*Du Cange*, i, 75.

**ACHACIUS and Companions.**—June 22, Achacii sociorumque ejus: interpolated with St. Alban (*p. 427*). This was Acacius, an officer under Adrian: there were also of this name a mart. under Decius, and a bp. of Antioch in 250, otherwise called Achates, and sometimes Agathangelus;—his day, March 31.

**ACHILLEUS.**—With Nereus, &c., May 12. V. 426; T. 438; E. 453.

**A. D.**—An abbreviation of *Anno Domini* most commonly; but the same letters are also used for *ante diem*. In the latter case, they have sometimes been mistaken for the preposition *ad*, particularly by ignorant transcribers of manuscripts of the higher ages, who have written, for instance, *ad iv. kalendas*, instead of *ante diem quartam kalendarum*.

**ADACTUS, ADAUCTUS.**—T. 442; E. 456. See **FELIX and AUDACTUS**.

**ADFRID,** Pr. Conf.—Oct. 26, L. 470. This is the day of King *Ælfred*, who seems here to have been mistaken for a priest and confessor. See *ÆLFRED rex obiit (hic.)*

**Adnuntiatio Sanctæ MARIE Virginis.**—March 25: V. 424; T. 437. See *An-nunciatio Dominica*:

**ADOMARUS.**—See **AUDOMARUS**.

**Adorate Dominum.**—The introit from Ps. 96 (“Adorate Dominum omnes angeli ejus”): and name of the third Sunday after Epiphany.

**Adoratio Crucis.**—See *Cross, Adoration of; Dominica de adoranda Cruce*.

**Adoratio Magorum.**—The adoration of the wise men from the East: a name of the Epiphany.

**ADRIANUS, Miles.**—March 4, G. 401, where *miles* seems to be synonymous with *martyr*: *S'ce Αριανεγ̄ δημοπυν γ̄βερ σφελαν πενερ*.—*Jul.*, A. X. Others of this name, and their days were: 1, abbot, 710, Jan. 9; 2, priest, 7th cent., April 1; 3, with Eubulus, March 5; 4, Oct. 12: G. 415. And the following:—

**ADRIANI martyris, Festum.**—Sept. 8: V. 430; T. 443; E. 457. “6 id. (Sept.) Natalis Sancti Adriani, et Nativitas Sanctæ Marie.”—*Kal. Arr.* 826. He was martyred in 306, and his day in the Greek church is Aug. 26.

**Adsumptio Beatae MARIE.**—The Assumption of the V. Mary, which see

**Ad te levavi.**—Introit from Ps. 24 (“Ad te levavi animam meam”); and name of the first Sunday of Advent.

**Advent; Advent Sunday; Adventus; Adventus Domini.**—The four weeks preceding Christmas, devoted by the church to preparation for the advent of Christ, were commonly called *Adventus Domini*: “Erat autem hiems, et dominici natalis solemnis expectatio, quæ *Adventus Domini* dicitur.”—*Gigliolm. Neubrig. Hist.*, l. v. c. 17. For the same reason they are named *Nati Adventus*, in the Benedictional of St. *Æthelwold*. In a more restricted sense, the word *Adventus* was employed to denote the day of the nativity; and the time immediately preceding that day was, called *Ante Nativitatem*, or *Ante*

*Natale Domini.* This custom obtained more particularly among the A. Saxons.—*Archæol.* v. xxiv, p. 50. Some authors pretend that Advent was instituted by the Apostles.—*Durand. Rat. Div. Off.*, l. iv, c. 2; *Pol. Verg.* l. vi, c. 8, p. 377. To this account of its origin Hildebrand objects, because the Apostles observed only the festivals of Easter, Pentecost, and the Nativity; and he adds that Maximus Taurinensis, in 450, has a homily on Advent, whence it appears that, if he also wrote the titles of his homilies, the festival has been celebrated from the 5th century.—*De Diebus Sanctis*, p. 11. Others say that it was first observed in 423; and others, again, in 438. What cannot be controverted is, that St. Ephraim, who died in 378, has a sermon on the dominical Advent (*Oper. per Ger. Vossium*; *Antv.* 1619); and that it is the subject of a sermon by Chrysostom, in 407 (*Oper. t. v, hom. 137*). The first council of Maçon, in 581, instituted a fast in Advent thrice a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from the feast of St. Martin to Christmas, excluding the Saturdays, because it was not usual, at this period, to keep the seventh day a fast except in Lent. Hence it appears, as well as from the Ambrosian Missal, that Advent formerly contained six Sundays.—*Du Cange*, t. i, c 160. In fact Martinus Sacerdos says, in *Observat. de Ritu Ambros.*: “Inde incipit officium de Adventu Domini, cuius sex dominicas assignantur.”—*Mabillon, Iter. Ital.*, t. II, p. ii, p. 107. And Pinius notices this number of Sundays as a peculiarity in the Mozarabic ritual.—*Tract. de Antiq. Liturg. Hispan.*; *Antv.* 1740. We learn from the Capitularia Caroli Magni, that, in the ninth century, there was a fast of forty days at Advent, which, though not enforced by canons, had become a law of custom. Amalarius, however, who lived in the same age, testifies that this fast was observed by the rigidly pious only, and not in all churches.—*Moreri*, t. I. A. p. 752. On account of this fast, Advent was often called *Quadragesima S. Martini*; and, when the time of fasting was contracted within the present limits of Advent, *Quadragesima Parva*; *La Petite Carême*, or little Lent. The retrograde computation of time, which prevailed among the ancient Romans and primitive Christians, was retained for nearly six centuries in counting the Sundays of Advent, and that which fell nearest to the Nativity, and which of course was at the end of the period of Advent, was called its first Sunday, while the most distant from the Nativity, or that which fell nearest to the feast of St. Martin, was the sixth Sunday of Advent. In the year 1000, according to Du Cange, the rule was established, by which the commencement of this festival was fixed to be the Sunday on or nearest to the feast of St. Andrew, or, as it is better expressed in the Portiforium Sarisburgiense, edit. 1528—the first Sunday after the feast of St. Linus is the first Sunday of Advent. But the following rule, from *Bed. Argument. Lun. Oper. t. I*, p. 205, belongs to the 8th century; it is contained in the Saxon MS. from which the Kal., v. I, p. 484, is copied: “Quicumque Aduentum Domini celebrare desiderat, videat ne ante quinta Kal. Decembris, nec post III. nonas ipsius mensis transeat; sed in his septem diebus ubicumque Dominicus Dies aduenierit illac sine dubio et sine errore celebrare ualebit.”—*Fo. 25, b.* The words *Primus Adventus Domini* (p. 432, 459) and *Ultimus Adventus* (p. 433, 460), the first and last days of Advent, define the space within which the first Sunday must fall, according to the dominical letter of the year. Advent Sunday commences the liturgical year of the churches of Rome and England:

"*Adventus tempus, quod dominicas Nativitatis memoriam antecedit, ideoque nuncupatur, quia totus ordo ejus ecclesiasticus ordo, juxta contemplationem Adventus Domini dispositus est.*"—*Rupert. de Div. Off.*, l. iii, c. 1. Our ancestors shewed great reverence and devotion at this time (says Jacob), in regard to the approach of the solemn festival [the Nativity]; for 'in adventu domini, nulla assisa debet capi.'"—*Inter Placit. de temp. Reg. Joh., Ebor.* 126. But the *Stat. Westm.* 1, c. 48, ordained that, notwithstanding the usual solemnity of time and rest, it should be lawful in respect of justice and charity, which ought at all times to be regarded, to take assizes of Novel Disseisin, Mort d'Ancestre, &c. in the time of Advent, Septuagesima, and Lent. This is also one of the seasons, from the beginning of which to the end of the octaves of the Epiphany, the solemnization of marriages is forbidden without special license, as we may find from the old verses:

Conjugium *Adventus* prohibet; *Hilarique relaxet*;  
*Septuagena* vetat, sed *Pascha Octave* reducit;  
*Rogatio* vetitat, concedit *Trina* potestas.    *Law Dict. v. Advent.*

An old translation of these verses is given in *Termes de la Ley*, p. 26, as follows:

" *Advent* all marriage forbids,  
*Hilary's feast* to nuptials tends ;  
And *Septuagint* no wedding rids,  
Yet *Easter Octaves* that amends.  
*Rogation* hinders hasty loves,  
But *Trinity* that let removes."

The time for celebrating marriages prohibited by the Council of Trent is not so much curtailed; it is from the first Sunday of Advent to the Epiphany, and from Ash Wednesday to the octave of Easter, inclusively (*Corso delle Stelle*, p. 15; *Torino*, 1777). Among the Greeks, some begin Advent from Nov. 15, others from Dec. 6, and a third body from Dec. 20. So, at Constantinople, some made an Advent of forty days, some of three weeks, and others reduced it to a single week.—*Moreri, t. I. A. p. 752.* *Adventus Domini* sometimes occurs as a date; in the annals of Norwich, the cathedral of that city is said to have been rebuilt, "anno 1278, dominica prima *Adventus Domini*" (*Anglia Sacra*, t. i, p. 401); on the first Sunday of our Lord's Advent, which was Nov. 27 in 1278. Advent was also used for the whole period; Osbern, bishop of Sarum, died in non *Aduent* (within Advent).—*Chron. Sax.*, an. 1019. The table of moveable feasts in the Common Prayer Book exhibits Advent Sunday according to Easter; but they are not otherwise connected than by the Dominical Letters.

*Adventus*.—Sometimes Advent signified the translation of a saint or martyr; but in the *Chron. Sax.*, an. 903, it seems to mean the first removal. "In this year was consecrated the new minster, on *pinceartne. ȝ r. Iudocer cyme*" (*at Winchester and St. Judoc's advent*); which Dr. Ingram, mistaking it for the day of consecration, translates, "*At Winchester on St. Judoc's advent.*" The meaning, however, is, that the consecration of the minster and the translation of the saint occurred at the same time; and it appears from the Peterborough Catalogue of Relics, that St. Jude and St. Grimbald

were deposited in the new minster: "In Wyncestre—in novo monasterio, sanctus Grymbaldus, presbyter, et sanctus Judocus, confessor" (*Antient Hist., French and Engl.*, p. 246). See *JUDOCI Translatio*.

**Adventus B. CASSIANI Episcopi.**—July 16.—*Kal. Arr.*, 826.

**Adventus Corporis JUSTI de Eremo.**—August 4 (*S. Hieron. Martyrol.*, II. non. Aug.)

**Aduincla S. PETRI.**—August 1, "Aduincola S. Petri:" V. 429; T. 442; L. 468.

"Ad Vincula S. P." E. 456. This manner of writing *Dies* or *Festum S. Petri ad Vincula*, is of common occurrence in dates: "Le jour seynt Pere Aduincola," in a certificate of 1 Edw. III.—*Madox. Formul. Engl.* n. 23, p. 12. See *PETRI ad Vincula Fest.*

**Ædfamina.**—Jan 31: G. 398. It appears to be a clerical error.

**Æfensang.**—Eve Song, a canonical hour, about 4 o'clock. From St. Dunstan's Concord of Rules, it appears to have been equivalent to *Vespers*. *Æfren sæfen range ge recolon unrefnyðan þa peorða. Þe ftranðan hi gpa nacode. of þone rætegneſt ðæz,* (After Evesong you must uncover the altars, and let them stand thus bare until Saturday).—*Ælfrici Epist. ad Sacerd.; Tib. A. III. fo. 104.* See *Hours Canonical*.

**Æftera Geohles Monath.**—The after or second yule month, answers to our January; V. 422. The name is supplied from the Saxon Menology, Julius, A. X, and may, perhaps, slightly differ in spelling from the original words, which the fire has destroyed. The meaning of Gule, or Yule, and its orthographical varieties, has been explained in vol. I. p. 92 n., and p. 282. See *Ærra Geola; Egyptian Days; Hora; Signa Mensium*.

**Æftera Lytha Monath.**—The month of July; V. 428. Supplied from the same source as the preceding. The Menology merely says, that it is the month called Julius in Latin, and is the seventh of the year. See *Lytha Monath*.

**ÆLFEGAUS, archbp. & mart.**—April 19; V. 425. In the same kalendar occurs *Ælfegaus*, bp. March 12 (p. 424), which seems to be a mistake, for *Ælfagea* was martyred "iii kal. Maii," 1012, and his translation was Saturday, "xvii Ju-nii," 1023. See *ELFEGUS*.

**ÆLFRED Rex obiit (hic).**—Oct. 26; G. 416. Alfred Athulfing, the king, died six nights before All Saints' Mass (*Chron. Sax.*, an. 901), and was enrolled among the British saints (*Britan. Sancta*, p. ii. p. 222, where, however, the day is said to be Oct. 28). This entry, as observed I. 395, is fatal to the opinion that *Galba* belongs to the year 703. It is singular that the author of the Catalogue of MSS. in the Cotton Library, p. 243, should also have fallen into this mistake. He says: "Argumentum ad inveniendum annum incarnationis Domini, ex quo conjicere licet kalendarium hoc descriptum fuisse A. D. 703." "Hic obit Ælfredi rex," Oct. 26. I. T. 444, for *Ælfred*, or *Æfredus rex*.

**Æmere.**—Without day, i. e. without date; a barbarous compound of *a* (*priv.*), and *ȝmera*.—*Dict. Roman. Celtique*, &c.

**Æpippi.**—The 11th Egyptian month (V. 427), sacred to Osiris, beginning June 25. Plutarch says the Egyptians celebrate the nativity of the eyes of Osiris on the 30th day of Epippi, when the sun and moon are supposed to be in the same right line with the earth.—*De Iside et Osir.*, c. 52.

**Æquinoctium.**—See *Equinoctium*.

**Æra.**—Any given year, in some writers; hence such expressions "as entering

down the æra," "the 1108th æra," &c. The derivation of the word has occasioned a diversity of opinions; and in the books of the council of Carthage and Toledo, as well as in an inscription on the ancient temple at Nebrissa, it is written *Era*. "We understand almost the same thing by a period as a cycle; only we commonly apply the name of a period to a larger interval of time. A period differs from an epoch and an æra in this, that it includes a respect to the *terminus ad quem*, whereas these two relate only to the *terminus a quo*. Thus, we may justly say the 1664th year of the Christian epoch, but we cannot call it such a year of the Christian period, because this is not a periodic epoch.—*Strauch.*, b. I. c. 9, s. 2, 4.

*Ærra Geola*.—Before Yule, V. 443, i. December. Supplied from the Saxon Menology, Jul. A. X., which accounts for the name thus: Førðam þa monðar tƿegen rýndon nemðon anum naman. oðenr je ærra geola. oðenr je æfterja. fórdan þe hýna oðenr gangær beforenan þæra runnan. æn þon þe heo cýnne hig ðær dæger lense. oðenr æfterj.—(Because two months are denominated by one name, of which one is the *Before-Yule-day*, the other the *After*; for the former precedes the sun before it turns itself in the length of the day, and the other follows it). This fixes the yule-day to December 22, the day of the winter solstice (see Vol. I, p. 55), though there can be no doubt that Dec. 25 bore the name of Yule-day among the Saxons, who had not yet lost sight of the pagan celebration of the solstice; and it also adds probability to the opinion, that the word *geola*, with its orthographic varieties, was originally *hvel*, or *hweol*, a wheel (Vol. I, p. 92 nt). See *Gole Feast*; *Yule*; *Egyptian Days*; *Hora*; *Signa Mensium*.

*Ærra Iula*.—The same as *Ærra Geola*. It occurs in Bede, and the Dano-Sax: poetical Menology, Tib. B. I, fo. 112, b.

Dænne folcum bningð.  
monjen to mannum.  
monað to tūne.  
decembrij.  
dñihta bearnum.  
ærra iula.

Then the morning brings  
to nations, to men,  
the month of December;  
to the children of nobles  
*Ærra Iula*.

V. 423 in Dr. Hickes's copy, Thesaur. t. I. p. 203; but when correctly arranged, it is 490. See *Egyptian Days*; *Hora*; *Signa Mensium*.

*Ærra Januaria*.—Jan. 1, 1564. This name marks the discontinuance of commencing the year at Easter among the French, in consequence of an edict issued by Charles IX.—*Du Cange*, t. I. c. 206.

*Ærra Lytha*.—June, in Bede. See *Lytha Monath*.

*Æstæ*.—A word used for *æstivæ*.

*Æstatis initium habet dies xcii*.—May 9; V. 426. May 24; D. 453. The Summer of the Saxons commenced May 9, but they differed by three days as to its length. The Menol. Sax. (*Jul. A. X.*) and Brydferth (*De Comput. Eccles.*) give it only 90 days.

*Æstivi Initium*.—May 9; G. p. 405. So, also, the Dano-S. Menol., Tib. B. I. fo. 111.

*ÆTHELDRYTHE*, Virgin.—June 23: V. 427; E. 454; L. 466; T. 440. Her translation, October 17; V. 431. June 23, as her feast day, agrees with

*Æfric's homily (Jul. E. VII. fo. 92 b)*: "viii. kl. Natal. S'ce Ætheldrythe virginis"—and with the Menology (*Jul. A. X.*): *Dœne halgan epene geleopner æpel-dnyþe* (the decease of the holy queen Ætheldryth); yet, in the kalendar of the Common Prayer Book, we have—"October 17, Etheldreda, V. 2." However, the error, if it be one, was not originally made by the authors of that kalendar. She was the daughter of Anna, king of the East Angles, who was slain in 654 (*Chron. Sax.*), and was married to an alderman, who died, and then to Ecfryd, or Egfrid, king of Northumbria (*Jul. E. VII. 93*). With both her husbands she lived in perfect maidenhood; "et tamen in virginitate usque ad finem remansit" (*Ant. Hist.*, p. 246). She died in 679.—*Chron. Sax.*

**ÆTHELFLEDA** *Deposito*.—Oct. 23; T. 444. See *Deposito*.

**Ævum**.—An age, or duration, which has a beginning, but no end (*Censorin. de Die Nat.*, c. 16; *Strauch.*, I. 8, s. 7). It occurs in the classical sense of *atæs*: "Cum essem quasi octavi anni ævi" (*Greg. Tur. de Vit. Patr.*) The plural is sometimes found equivalent to *tempora*, as in *Vit. S. Ricardi Ep.*, Jun. 11, 248: "Inde post pauca æva factum est, quod omnia sua morte, fabricæ templi B. Mariæ, veteris nuncupatæ reliquit."—*Du Cange*, I. c. 212.

**AGAPITUS**, mart.—August 18: V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. Slain in 275. There were also, 1, Agapitus, with Sixtus, &c., Aug. 6: 2, pope, 536, Sept. 20: and, 3, bp. & conf., March 16.

**AGAS Day**.—Agatha's Day: "Wretyn on seynt Agas day in hast," 1469.—*Paston Letters*, v. iv, p. 426.

**AGATHA**, V. M.—Feb. 5. In the Portiforium Sarisbur. 1528, it is given as a rule, that wherever the golden number of the year after this festival, the Sunday following the number is the first Sunday of Lent: "Ubleunque prima Luna fuerit post festum S. Agathæ, prima Dominica sequens erit Dominica Quadragesimæ." For instance, in 1036, the G. N. was III, and the D. L. was A. On referring to the kalendars, the G. N. after S. Agatha is found at March 1, and the letter A. at March 5, which was the first Sunday of Lent in that year. This saint finds a place in the kalendar of the Common Prayer Book. Simeon Metaphrastes, in his life of S. Agatha, says that she was born at Palermo, and suffered under Decius in 251: but some of the ancient breviaries making Catania the place of her birth, occasioned a remarkable contest between the two cities for the honor of having produced a person, whose very existence is extremely doubtful. On the authority of her Greek biographer, who lived at least 650 years after her supposed martyrdom, Clement VIII, at the end of the 16th century, substituted Palermo for Catania, on which the senates of the two cities sent deputies to argue the case at Rome. A summary of the proceedings is given by Robinson (*Ecclesiast. Researches*, ch. xi, p. 354-7; 4to, Cambr. 1792). In the end Urban VIII, about 1622, after duly considering the matter, wisely decided for neither party, but inserted in the Breviary: "quam Panormitani et Catanenses ci-vem suam esse dicunt" (*Brev. Rom., Par. 1623*); whom the people of Palermo and Catania claim to be their citizen. 2, There is another Agatha, or rather another day ascribed to her, in Galba, p. 409, July 5, and her translation *ib.*, July 12.

**Age**.—The longest space of human life; a century; a definite space, as the Middle Age, which commences, according to French chronologists, A. D.

409, and ends A. D. 1413.—See *Ærum*; *Century*; *Seculum*. Age, in the sense of majority, was not complete by the canon law before 25; by the feudal and English law, 21 in a knight, and 16 in a woman (*Reg. Majest.*, l. II. c. 41, s. 3). Bracton states the latter at 15 (l. II. c. 37, s. 3). By ancient custom in Derbyshire, any person at the age of 15 might sell or give tenements, and be deemed of full age as soon as he could count twenty shillings, measure cloth, or weigh merchandize; and the like custom for a woman.—*Arsysa Com. Derb. Placit. de T. Pasch. Claus. 9 Edic. I. rot. 5: Keurden, MS. 4to. fo. 339* (Manchester College Libr.)

**AGNA.**—G. 397, 398 (*Bed. Ephemer. Oper.*, t. I, p. 242). Under this name, St. Agnes is celebrated by Prudentius—*Hymn* 14.

**AGNES, V. M.**—Jan. 21 : V. 422; T. 425; E. 449; L. 461. The two last kalendars have also, Agnes, the second [commemoration], Jan. 28; but the two former call it the octave of Agenes. See *Festum Agnetis secundo*.

**AGNET, AUGNET.**—See AGNES. “Wryten at Febyrgg, ye Monday affer seynt Augnet’s day,” 1465 (*Paston Letters*, v. iv, p. 244). “Agnet ye fyrist” (*Ib.* p. 422).

**Agni Circumcisio.**—Jan. 1 ; G. 397.

**Ags.**—August, or *Augustus*; T. 442. “Kl. Ags.” for Kalendas Augusti; T. 441, and Julius, A. VI. In a charter of Chlodovæus III, in 691, “Agustus minsis,” the month of August (*Du Cange*, t. I. c. 257). *Agosto*, Mod. Ital. Alammasse Day.—On Lammas Day, Aug. 1.—*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 200.

“ And þat hii alammasse day myd her peer cam.”

**Alba.**—Morning, or dawn of day: *aube*, Fr.

**Albæ.**—The week following Easter and Pentecost; thus, Benedict of St. Peter’s, before 1143, calls the interval from Easter Day to the following Saturday, “*Infra Albas Pascha*” (*Lib. Pollicit.*, n. 52, p. 144); and Du Cange says, that the *Octo dies Neophytorum* are named “*Albas Pentecostes*” in the in the *Poenitentiale* of Theodore, Abp. of Canterbury, c. xviii.—*Gloss.*, t. I. c. 274.

**ALBAN, M.**—June 22 : V. 427; T. 440; E. 454; L. 466. The Saxon Menol. (*Julius*, A. X.) at this day says, “The passion of St. Alban. The place where St. Alban suffered, is near the city which the Bryttwales (Britons) named Verolamium; and the nation of the Angles now name it *Pærlinga-cearþen*” (Watlingacaster, Watlingchester, or city of the Watlings). I do not remember that topographers have noticed this name of St. Alban’s. The kalendar of the Common Prayer Book gives June 17 to this Saint, which is certainly the wrong day. The Laity’s Directory and the Corso delle Stelle, as well as the Breviaries, have the same day as our kalendars, June 22, which must be read in all dates before the Reformation. Ælfric’s homily on the Passion of St. Alban mentions no day (*Jul. E. VII*, 89 b.) In the Portiforium Sarisb. he is styled “*Protomartyr Anglorum*;” and Robert of Gloucester, p. 82, says:

“ Ymartred at þilke tyme, seynt Albon was on,  
That was þe firste martyr, þat to Englund com.”

The same form is observed in ancient dates, as “*The xi Kalends of Julii, the vygell of our first martir, Seint Albon.*”—*MS. Chron., temp. Ed. III. Arch. XXII*, 280.

**ALCMUND, ALKEMUNDE.**—March 19; a martyr in 600: “Suche a day ge schul haue seynt Alkemundus day. He is patron of a chyrche. þan schul ge know þt a patron in Englyss is a defendur, wherfore ge schul vndurstonde þt iche chirch hath too patronus, one in heuen, anothyr in erthe, one to defende hur from gostely enimyes, and onoþt to defende hur from bodily enimyes” (*Mirk's Festiall*; *MS. Claud.*, A. II, fo. 102, b). The right of patronage to churches began in the Council of Nola, 402. This name is vulgarly corrupted to St. TALKAMUND.

**ALDELM, B. Conf.**—May 25: T. 439; E. 453. Aldelm, or rather Aldhelme, was bishop of the West Woods, as Sarum was called, and died in 709 (*Chron. Sax.*) There were also—1, Aldelm, or Adelm, 1100, Jan. 30: and—2, March 31.

**ALDWOLD, Bp.**—August 1; E. 456. See **ATHELWOLD**.

**Alectophone.**—Cock Crow (*Forster, Per. Cal.* p. 644). Others call it *Alectryophone*, αλεκτρυοφωνία. See *Cock Crow*; *Gallicantus*; *Pulli cantus*.

**ALEXANDER.**—Feb. 9, March 11: G. 309, 401. With Eventius and Theodolus, May 3: V. 426; T. 439 (where Evortius, and Theortulus by error for Theodolus); E. 453. The Sax. Menol. Jul. A. X. has at May 3: “The passion of Alexander, the young pope, at Rome, and with him his two priests, Eventius and Theodosius” (fo. 95 b). But the Arras Kal. of an. 826, has—“V. non. (Maia) Natalis Sanctorum Juvenalis, Eventi et Theodosii.” Besides this Alexander, who was martyred in 119, there were—1, with Empodium, mart. 178, Apr. 6—2, Bp. of Jerusalem, mart. 249, May 18—3, the Collier, bp. 250, Aug. 11—4, Patriarch of Alexandria, 326, Feb. 26—5, Founder of the Acmetes, 440, Jan. 15. The Juvenal in the Arras Kal. was the first bishop of Navarre, in 377.

**ALEXIUS & KENELM, m.**—July 17. Alexius or Alexis, 4 cent. March 17: Gr. ch. See **KENELM**.

**Alhalwenmesse.**—Mass of All Hallows, or Saints. See *All Saints*; *Mass*. Robert of Brunne dates the arrival of K. William of Scotland, in 1189, to perform homage to Richard, in—

“The moneth of Novembre, after Alhalwenmesse,  
That wele is to remembre, com kyng William all fresse.”

*Chron.*, p. 127.

**Alhalwentyde.**—All Hallows' tide.—*Paston Letters*, v. I. p. 26.

**Alhollontide.**—All Hallows' tide. See *Tide*.

**Allehalwenday.**—All Hallows' day. In the original record of the new year's gifts of Henry VI, in 1436, when the title of the herald, Anjou king of Arms, was altered to Lancaster king of Arms: “Item, deliv'd by your saide com-aundem<sup>t</sup> the erles of Warewyke and Stafford, and your chamb'releyn beyng present at that same fyne, that is to say, on Allehalwenday laste, when ye were crowned, ye gaf to an heraude kynge of armes, afore that tyme called Aungoye, and thanne at that fest his name changed by yow and called Lancastre, j belle of sylver weyng xvij. unc. and an other belle of sylver at that tyme delyv'd to oon that was made pursevant, and thanne called Coler, the which weyed viij. unc.” (*Cleop. F.* IV, fo. 103). The words “when ye were crowned,” mean merely wearing the crown.

**Alleluia; Alleluiah.**—Septuagesima Sunday, when the hymn of joy ceased to

be sung in the church. The word was introduced by St. Jerome, who died 420, from the Hebrew, and signifies Praise ye God (*Pol. Verg.*, l. v, c. 13, p. 342). For a long time it was employed only once a year, on Easter day, in the Western church (*Augustin. Epist.* 119, *ad Januar.*); but oftener among the Greeks. According to Gregory the Great, Damasus, who died in 384, introduced the custom of singing Alleluia in all offices of the year; and Gregory issued a decree to the same effect, so that it was sung even in the services for the dead. At length, the chant was suppressed in the office and mass for the dead, and, as will be shewn more particularly, from Septuagesima to the Graduale of the mass on Holy Saturday, when the words—"Laus tibi domine, rex æternæ gloriae," were substituted. This alteration appears to have been made by the Council of Toledo 4, in 643, which, by can. 11, prohibited the singing of Alleluia during the whole period of Lent, permitting it to be resumed at the festival of the Resurrection (*Pini Litu. Mozarab.*, c. III, s. 99). Durandus says that it was allowed to be sung on the Sundays, between the octave of the Epiphany and Septuagesima, and on the Sundays between the octave of Pentecost and Advent (*Ration. Div. Off.*, l. V, c. 4) The rule of the Saxon Benedictines was—Fnam eastron ob pentecorten ry alleluia butan to dæle ðnerre gecep'den ægþen ge on realnum ge on neþrum. fnam pentecorten ob lencrænæ anginne ælce niht æt uhtrange ry alleluia gecep'den, &c.: From Easter to Pentecost let alleluia be said without intermission in both the psalms and responses; and from Pentecost to the beginning of Lent, with the six after psalms. Every Sunday night, except in Lent, let the canticles, matins, primes, tierces, sexts, and nones, be sung with alleluia, and let vespers be said with the anthem. Responses are never sung with alleluia, except from Easter to Pentecost (*MS. Titus, A. IV. fo. 40*). In Dr. Hickes's catalogue of Saxon MSS., there is a sentence which would appear to be the rubric of a rule for finding Alleluia: "Regula ad inveniendum diem qui dicitur Alleluia" (*Thes. t. II. p. 249*). But the MS. to which it refers (*Titus, D. XXVII.*) contains no such rubric or rule, though there is a table for finding Septuagesima Sunday, which our ancestors certainly called Alleluia, as is evident from the homily, "De Alleluia," in the Sax. MS., *Faust.*, A. IX. fo. 36 b. It is preceded by a homily on Septuagesima, and is a short explanation of the reason of its omission on that day. The name was common among the old German writers: Pezius calls Septuagesima Sunday—"Der Tag uncz man Allelevia niderlegt" (the day on which Alleluia is laid down).—*Haltaus, Cal. Med. Evi.*, p. 43.

**Alleluia Clausum.**—It might be supposed that this was Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday, when Alleluia was laid aside: "Sabbato Septuagesimæ ad vesperam tacetur Alleluia, et dicitur, Laus tibi, domine" (*Lib. Pollicit. n. 30, p. 132*); but it is the same as Alleluia alone. An annotator on Notker's Commentary on the Psalms, written at the end of the tenth century, says: "Sunday so man das Alleluja hinleiten, vel leit, dicitur in Historia Lombardic. Teuton., fo 47 MS., 'Dominica circumdederunt me,' quæ est tertia ante jejunium quadragesimæ"—i. e. the Sunday which is called Alleluia clausum, is called "Dominica circumdederunt me," which is the third before Lent. What Notker himself says has been quoted in Vol. I. p. 150 n. In this sense, it is found in a plea of the time of William I.: "Ab illo die,

quo clauditur *Alleluia*, usque ad octauas Paschæ."—*Selden, Annot. in Eadmer*, p. 199.

Alleluie Clost.—The same as the preceding. Du Cange quotes Pierre de Fontaines (*Concil. c. v, s. 6*: "Sairemens cesse des les commencement de l'Avant duskes à lendemain de la Teffaigne et deske l'Alleluie clost jusques à quinzaine de Pasques."

Alleluia Dimissum.—The same as *A. Clauum*.—*Haltius, Cal. Med. Evi*, p. 43.

Alleluicæ Exequiæ.—The funeral of Alleluia—a ceremony performed in some cathedrals on the eve of Septuagesima, and in others on Septuagesima Sunday.—See *Vol. I, p. 149*. Du Cange gives the vespers, matins, and lauds for the occasion, from a liturgy of the tenth century (*t. I, c. 312, 313*).

Alle Solyne Day.—Alle Souls' Day, Nov. 2. An ancient and decayed MS. homily begins—"Such a day ge schalle have Alle Solyne day that bene in purgatory, abyding there the mercy of God" (*Harl. Coll., 2391, fo. 128*). See *Festum Omnitum Animarum*.

All Halan Day.—All Saints' Day—"November 1, being All Halan Day."—*Abp. Laud, 19 Car. I. in State Trials, V. I, p. 492*; *Ed. fol.*

All Hallamass.—The same.

All Hallontide.—The same, including the eve.

All Hallowe'en.—The eve or day before All Hallows' day, Nov. 1: On ealna halgena mærræ sefne (On All Hallowe'en mass even.—*Chron. Sax. 1094*).

All Hallowenmas.—The mass of All Hallows, with the old plural termination *en*: Fofan to alna halgena mærran (*Chron. Sax., an. 1053*). One of the articles in the bond of convention of the Saxon Gild at Exeter is, that the members should assemble thrice in twelve months: ane to yee Michaeler mærran, oðne riðe to ree Warian mærran ofre Wiðne ƿintre. þriðvan riðe on eall Þæligra Mærræ ƿæg ofer ƿærþon. Dr. Hickes translates this passage: "Prima in festo S. Michaelis archangeli, secunda in festo S. Mariae proximo sequente solstitium brumale, et tertia in omnium Sanctorum festo, quod post Pascha celebratur." The first of these festivals is Michaelmas, Sept. 29; the second, the Purification, Feb. 2; and the third, All Hallamas after Easter, which Dr. Hickes understands to be May 1: "Id est, Calendas Maii. Vide librum H. Lestrange—The Alliance of Divine Offices, 1 ed. p. 158; 2 ed. p. 148" (*Thes. III; Diss. Epist. 21, 22*). The passage to which he refers in L'Estrange amounts to this—that on the 1st May, St. Basil has a homily on All Saints, whence that author concludes that the festival of All Saints was formerly celebrated on the 1st of May. The date in question, however, seems to be a blunder of the Saxon writer of the bond, who, knowing that all martyrs were saints, and forgetting that all saints were not martyrs, employed the wrong term. It is probable that the festival called the *Natalis B. Marie ad Martyres*, May 13, appointed by Boniface IV. in 607, when he converted the Pantheon into a Christian temple, must be the festival intended for the third meeting of the Gild; because the Saxons have always understood Hallowenmas to be the 1st of November; for instance, King Alfred died Oct. 26 (See *Ælfred Rex hic obiit*), and the Saxon annalist says that he died six nights before All Hallowenmas: ryx nihtrum æn ealna haligra mærran (*Chron. an. 921*). Canute also, in his law, *De Festis et Jejuniiis*, commands that a fast be observed on each

of St. Mary's festivals, and on each of the Apostles', except that of *Philip and James*, which, he says, we do not constitute a fast by reason of the Easter festival, by which it was preceded: To ȿcam ȿapuan mærrjan ælce ne. ⁊ to ælcer ȿportoleȝ mærrjan pætten. butan ȿPILIPPI an& IACOBI. pe ne beoðað nan pærtan fofðam ȿASTERLICKAN FREOLSE (Li. Cnuti, p. ii. c. 16). It is, therefore, evident that the first of May was then understood to be the day of the apostles, Philip and James, as the 1st of November was understood to be All Hallowenmas. The Dano-Saxon Menology of the same age as the law, having described the entrance of Blotmonath, or November, says :

An& þy ýlcan ðag.	And on the same day
éalna pe healðað.	the festival we hold
Sancta rymbel.	of All the Saints
þapa rið oððe ær.	who, after or before,
pohhtan in populve.	wrought in the world
þillan ȿnhtneyr.	the will of the Lord.

*Thesaur.*, t. I. v. 387 ; but, correctly arranged, v. 390.  
*Tib.*, B. I. fo. 112 b.

Gregory IV, in 835, transferred the festival appointed by Boniface to the 1st of November, which he consecrated to the worship of the Virgin, and all martyrs and saints. Now the words *opeȝ earfnon*, in the bond, have reference to the festival of Boniface for May 13, and cannot apply to May 1, because Bede, whose authority in the West, and particularly among his countrymen, was as great as that of St. Basil in the Greek church, had already taught the Saxons that the 1st of November was held in honor of All Saints. See *Festum Mariae et Omnium Martyrum*; *F. Apostolorum*; *Festivitas Omnium Sanctorum*.

**All Hallamas.**—The same. When the names of festivals were as familiar as in Shakspeare's days, Simple's false reckoning in the *Merry Wives of Windsor* must have been irresistibly ludicrous: "Upon all hallowmas, a fortnight afore Michaelmas" (*Act I, scene 1*). The clown in the Lancashire dialect, blunders more grossly: "It wur th' Circumcision onner (of our) Lady, I believe"—*Collier's Works*, p. 31.

**All Halogh.**—All Saints, 14th cent.—*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II.*, fo. 111.

**All Hollontide.**—A corruption of all Hallon Tide. "All Hollond Eve" occurs in *Measure for Measure*, *Act II, sc. 1*.

**All Saints' Day.**—Nov. 1.—See *All Hallowenmas*, and *Festiv. Omnium Sanctorum*. It was formerly observed with great solemnity: in the reign of James I, the Lord Mayor, accompanied by many of the nobility, went to St. Paul's in great state on this day.—*Nichols' Progr. of K. James*, V. III, p. 444.

**All Salwyn Day.**—All Souls' Day, Nov. 2—*Paston Lett.*, v. I. p. 86.

**All Soulen Day**—The same.

**All Souls' Day.**—Nov. 2; otherwise called the commemoration of all the faithful deceased, "that bene in purgatory." Praying for the dead was common in the second century *Tertull. de Monogr.*, 10. But the most ancient date of this festival is 607, when, according to Sigebert, Martinus, and Polonus, it was instituted by Boniface IV. Others, however, ascribe it to

Odilo, abbot of Clugny, in 993: Polydore Vergil says 1000, in the pontificate of John XVIII. The abbot, hearing sounds from Mount Etna, of which the crater was believed to be the mouth of hell, fancied that they were the lamentations of tormented spirits in purgatory. To deliver them by prayers and sacrifices, this festival was instituted (*De Rerum Invent. l. vi. c. 10, p. 384*). The idea of a purgatory, which the pagan Romans received from the Egyptian Necropolis, or city of the dead, and which Virgil allegorically describes in the 6th book of the *Aeneid*, was repugnant to the primitive Christians, and forcibly condemned by the fathers of the church, as contrary to reason and unfounded in Scripture (*Augustin. de Peccat. Remiss. l. I. c. 28*). It is to be observed that the festival of All Souls, which is connected with this ancient superstition, is not contained in the kalendar Vit. 432, whence we infer, either that the festival was not instituted in 1000, or that the kalendar is of an earlier date than that year. See *Vol. I. p. 421*.

**Almes.**—Souls (Nov. 2) taken absolutely for Feste des Almes, in the Anglo-French stat., 4 Ric. II, which is dated on the "Leindemain des Almes." —*Ruffhead, Coll. Stat. v. I. p. 349*.

**AMANDUS.**—With Vedastus, Feb. 6. He lived 657.—Also, 2, a bp. of Bourdeaux, June 18. To one of them belongs the following translation: "vii. kal. (Nov.) Translatio Sancti Amandi." —*Kal. Arr.*, 826.

**AMANTIUS.**—June 6, Sept. 13: G. 407, 413. Probably Amatus, or Amé, abbot, 627, Sept. 13.—Also a bp., 690, April 29.

**Amandi Inimici.**—See *Dominica de Amandis Inimicis*.

**AMBROSE,** Bp. of Milan.—April 4: V. 425; G. 403; T. 438; E. 452. Bp. and Conf., L. 464. A father of the church in 397, and retained in the kal. of the Common Pr. Book: "11 Non. (Apr.) Depositio S. Ambrosii" (*Kal. Arr.* 826). "The departure of St. Ambrose, the holy bp. of Milan, and there resteth his body" (*Sax. Menol. Jul. A. X.*) On r'ce Ambroxiūr mæſſe niht. þ 15 .ii. non. Aprn.—*S. Chron.*, 1095.

**Ambulatio.**—See *Dominica de ambulatione in mari*.

**Amorwetide.**—In the morning time; thus, in Pierce Plowman's Crede—

" Then wennde I to wytte, and with a whight I mette  
A minoure in amorwetide, and to this man I saide—"

From the Saxon *ameƿigen* (*Tib. A. III. fo. 67*), and *tid*, the *morning of the next day*, the evening being counted first anciently, and time. See *Morrow*.

**ANASTASIA, V.**—Dec. 25; E. 460. Dec. 22 in the Gr. church.

**Anastasimus.**—Easter Day, in the Greek church.

**ANASTASIUS.**—Dec. 20; G. 420. *Anastassius*, Jan. 22; G. 398. In the *Sax. Menol. Jul. A. X.*, Jan. 22: On ȝone Ȭican Ȭæg bið þær halgan peñer ȝnopung r'ci Anaſtaſi. He was mart. in Persia, 672. There were also—1, Anastasius Sinaita, the learned patr. of Antioch, 559, Apr. 20—2, Pope, 401, Apr. 27—3, Junior, 610, Apr. 21—and, 4, of Torrino, Jan. 20. **Andermesse.**—An old corruption of Andreasmas, or Andrew's mass.

**ANDREAS, ANDREW, Apostle.**—Nov. 30. From this day, it is usual to compute the first Sunday of Advent, for which Du Cange gives an ancient rule from the *Martyrol. S. Viet.*, Paris:

“ Andriæ festo vicinior ordine quovis colit  
Adventum Domini feria prima.”

**Andrewmesse**, *Androismesse*, *Andyrs Day*.—See *Andermesse*.

**ANESTAS**, Bp.—May 2; L. 465.

**Angariæ**.—A singular name given by Bede to the ember weeks, or fasts of the four seasons, in the rubric of the following rule:

“ Feriam temporum affectant jejunia quartam,  
Cinerem, et quæ Luciam, Spiritum sequitur Crucem.”  
*Oper.*, t. I, p. 266, fol.; *Bas.* 1563.

The synod of Worcester, in 1240, adopted the name in their rule for the ember fasts :

“ Dat crux Lucia cineres carismata dia.  
Ut sint in angaria quarta sequens feria.  
Inchoat istius semper jejunia mensis,  
Post exaltatam feria quarta crucem.”  
*Spelm. Concil.* t. II, p. 259.

Haltaus has found it employed in dates, in ancient Germanic chronicles (*Cal. Medii Ævi*, p. 14); and Mabillon, in his *Iter Germanicum*, says that the Germans, at the four seasons, pay their taxes, which they call *angariæ*; whence the *quatuor tempora*, i. e. the ember fasts, are also called *Angariæ* (*Veter. Analect.*, p. 14). In the civil law, *angariæ* were carriages drawn by post-horses, or obligations to provide such horses.

**Angel**, *Angul Aout*.—*Angel*, and *Augul Aout*, or S. Pierre au Goul Aout. See *Gula Augusti*.

**Aniaday**.—The eternal Spring of the Hermetics in the middle ages.—*Johnson, Lexic. Chym.* p. 15.

**ANIANUS**, Bp.—Nov. 17: V. 432; T. 445. His translation, June 14; G. 407. “ xviii kal. (Julii), S. Aniani Episcopi” (*Kal. Arr. 826*). Anianus or St. Agnan, corruptly called S. Tignan, was bp. of Orleans, 453; his day in Italy, Nov. 18 (*Corso delle Stelle*, p. 77). There was another Anian, 86, Apr. 5, an Egyptian monk, and author of chronological treatises, which are said to differ sometimes from those of Eusebius.

**Animæ**.—Souls, for All Souls Day. See *Almes*. This is a common date: “ In crastino animarum omnes Angliæ magnates, &c.” (*Matt. Westm.*, 1244.) “ Rex Angliæ profectus in Angliam, apud S. Edmundum parliamentum tenuit in crastino Animarum” (*Nic. Triv. Chron.*, 1296). “ Apud Westmonasterium in crastino Animarum.”—*Rymer*, t. VII, p. 377.

**Animarum Dies**.—All Souls Day, Nov. 2.

**ANNA**, mother of Mary.—July 26; V. 428. Mother of our Lady; L. 467.

**Annale**.—Anniversary (See *Anniversaria*). Also, the mass celebrated for deceased persons during the space of a year.—*W. Thorn, Chron.*, p. 1894.

**Annatus**.—First-born. Aged one year, as “ annatæ oves,” sheep of one year. —*Fleta*, b. I. c. 79, s. 4.

**Anne**.—A year. N. Fr.

**Année des Magnificences**.—The year 1612 was so called, from the pompous ceremonies attending the double alliance of the French and Spanish royal families.—*Thomassin, Edits contre les Protestants, Suppl.*, p. 393.

Annee des Placards.—The year 1534. See *Thomassin, lib. cit.*, p. 93.

Annee des Processions.—The year 1586, in consequence of irregular processions or Litanies in Brie, Champagne, and Picardy, made with a view to turn the fortune of the war.—*Thomassin, ut suprè*, p. 242.

Anni.—This day, but, literally, this night, *quasi à nuit*. The Normans, as well as the Franks, Saxons, and others, used the same term for both day and night in computing days. See *Night*.

Anniculatus.—Age of one year.

Annieux.—Annals, in which anniversary days were entered. Anniversary Days, *q. v.*

Anni Nubiles.—The marriageable years of a woman: by the civil law, these were the age of puberty, which were defined to be 14 in a man, and 12 in a woman (*Salmuth in Pancirol. l. II*, p. 171). This was anciently the law of England (*Bracton, l. II, c. 37, s. 3*); but a woman in soccage was deemed marriageable, when she could perform the ordinary duties of a house (*Ibid.*) The Lombards also adopted the civil term of 12 years.—*Ll. Liutprand. tit. 86.*

Anni Regni.—The regnal years of our early kings were computed, not from the deaths of their predecessors, but from the days of their coronation. See Vol. I. p. 49-51.—*Year of Crowning*.

Annis Communibus. See *Communibus Annis*.

Anniversalis, Anniversaria (*fem. gen.*), Anniversary Day, Dies Anniversaria, Annivesitas.—The Annual day. Solemn days, appointed to be celebrated yearly, in commemoration of the deaths or martyrdoms of saints; or the days whereon, at the return of every year, men were wont to pray for the souls of their departed friends, according to the custom of the Roman Catholics, mentioned in the Statutes of 1 Edw. VI, c. 14, and 12 Car. II, c 13. This was in use among our ancient Saxons, as may be seen in Lib. Rames., sect. 130: “Anniversaria Dies ideo repertur defunctis, quoniam nescimus qualiter eorum causa habeatur in alia vita” (*Alcuini Lib. de Divin. Off.*) The anniversary or yearly return of the death of any person, which the religious registered in their obitual or martyrology, and annually observed in gratitude to their founders and benefactors, was by our forefathers called a *Year Day* and a *Mind Day*, i. e. a Memorial Day; and though this proceeded from the trading arts of the priests, who got many a legacy for thus continuing the memorial of their friends, yet, abating the superstition of it, this practice of theirs has been a great advantage to the history of men and times, by fixing the obits of great and good men.—*Jacob, Law Dict.*: see *Mind Day*; *Year's Day*. By far the greater part of the obits, or anniversaries, entered in the Saxon Kalendar (vol. I. p. 435), have been retained. The more remarkable of these are—Æthelgar, abp., Feb. 13; Æthelmar, duke, Apr. 19.—[This is perhaps the alderman of Hants, who was buried at Winchester in 982—*Sax. Chron.*] *Heahflæd*, abbess, May 6; *Osgar*, abbot, May 24; *Wulfſi*..., abp. [the *i* may be a mistake for *t*, and the name be that of Wulfstan]; *Elfgar*, abbot or prior, May 28; *Athelsin*, a reeve, June 10; *Harthacanute*, king, June 8, distinguished by a cross, as being probably a principal patron of the convent to which the MS. belonged. He died in 1040, but this entry proves nothing as to the age of the MS.; *Wulfric*, painter, July 3; *Eadgar*, king, July 8, 971—historians say July 1; *Leof-*

*gith*, July 14; *Byrhtnoth*, earl, Aug. 11; *Ælfmær*, bishop, Sept. 18; *Wulfrith*, abbot, Sept. 21; *Eadwig*, king, Oct. 2—but the chronicle says that Edwy died on the kalends of October, 959; *Leoficin*, town or parish priest, Oct. 16; *Ælfred*; *Æthelstan*, king, Oct. 27; *Æthelnoth*, abbot, Nov. 2; *Cnud*, king, Nov. 12 [Canute died in 1035]; *Ælfthryth* (the *Ælfthryth* of the chronicle, 965, and *Elfrida* of the Latin historians), mother of Æthelred, king, Nov. 17; *Ælfwin*, abbot, here (Nov. 24) died at Caen; here (Nov. 25) died *Wulficinn*, mother of abbot *Ælfwin*; here (Dec. 9) honorably rested abbot *Ælfnoth*; *Byrhtwin*, priest, the churchward, Dec. 11. Edward, the black prince, bequeathed the tapestry of his banqueting hall to be taken to the choir of our Lady of Undershaft, to be there preserved, and used as a memorial of him at certain festivals, among which are all those held in honor of the virgin, and also on the days of his Anniversary, perpetually, as long as the tapestry should last without being put to any other work: “Et les jours auxi de n're Anniversaire perpetuelement, tant come ils purront durer sainz James estre mys en ceps” (*Nichols, Royal Wills*, p. 70, where read *ap's*). Estates and manors were frequently granted to religious communities, to be held from year to year, computed from the anniversary of the donor, or the tenure of celebrating that day: “De terris ecclesiae de Walsingham concessis ad Anniversaria facienda pro animabus Edmundi de Raynham militis, &c.” (*Monast. Angl.*, t. II, p. 22.) A MS: Anniversary sermon of the reign of Edw. IV. is extant, in Harl. Coll. 2217, fo. 206. The Anniversary of a festival is a term sometimes employed for its octave; thus Benedict, the author of the *Liber Pollicitus*, enumerating the days on which the Pope should be crowned, says—“in festivitate S. Petri, et in anniversario suo,” and in the “Stationes Nocturnæ,” after mention of all the preceding festivals, we have—“Pentecostes, Festivitas S. Petri et ejus octava.” See *Festivitas*.

Anniversarium Omnimodum Animarum.—Nov. 2.—*Card. Gaietan. Ordinar.*, c. 1, p. 387.

Anniversitas.—See *Anniversaria*.

Annua, Annuale, Annuarium.—Anniversaries, or registers of them. The annuarium of Durham (see V. I, p. 448) follows the kalendar, and is arranged in monthly paragraphs. See *Fester Annues*.

Annuntiatio Dominica.—March 25; D. 451—the earliest name of “Ann. B. Mariæ,” or, as in the Ludlow Kal., v. I, p. 463, the Annunciation of our Lady. Roger Hoveden records that, in 1190, Easter day fell upon the “Annuntiatio Dominicæ” (*Scrip. post Bedam*, p. 665). Writers do not agree about the date of this festival: Hospiian, on the supposition that it is mentioned by Athanasius (*In Evang. de Deipara*), ascribes it to the year 350; but Baronius denies that he used the words attributed to him, and assigns them to Cyrilus, who was living in 430 (*Not. ad Mart. Rom.*, p. 200). It is certain, say the French chronologists, that this festival was held before the time of the Council of Toledo, for we there find a canon, prohibiting the celebration of all festivals in Lent, except the Lord's Day and the Annunciation—so that we may date its origin from the 7th century (*Verification des Dates*). This is probably one of the earliest of the festivals adopted from Pagan idolatry, under a new name. Anciently, the 25th of March was accounted to be that of the vernal equinox, and was universally

celebrated with festivals of a joyous description, on account of the longer days which the equinox announced. It was the assurance of the sun's birth, or return from the southern hemisphere, on which account the Egyptians celebrated a festival to Isis, the wife of Osiris, the sun. The Romans adopted this festival, and celebrated it on the 25th of March, which is marked in their kalendar as that of the vernal equinox, the Hilaria, or festivals of the pregnant mother of the Gods, many of whose titles and attributes the superstitious have transferred to the virgin mother of our Saviour (see *Candlemas*). It is not improbable, that the change in the name of the equinoctial festivals took place before the council of Jerusalem, which, in 200, settled the point, that the equinox fell on the 21st of March (*Bed. in Comm. de Aequin. Vern.*) Gregory Thaumaturgus, who died in 270, has a homily upon this very festival, and the emperor Theodore Lascaris made it the subject of a discourse, both of which are extant. Augustin has two sermons on the Annunciation. It seems by no means unlikely that, in the first instance, it was intended to commemorate the Incarnation, and that usage joined to it the name of the Virgin. The Council of Toledo 10, in 636, ordered the Annunciation and the Incarnation to be celebrated a week before Christmas, because the 25th of March commonly fell in Lent, or during the solemnities of Easter, when the church was occupied with other festivals. S. Ildephonsus confirms this decree, and names the festival, "Expectatio Puerperii Deiparæ." Hence, also, arose its name of Oleries, or "Feste des O O, in Advent (see *Expectatio B. MARIE; Oleries*). Pope Sergius, in 688, honoured the festival with litanies (*Platina, Vita Sergii*), in imitation of the equinoctial processions to which the people had been accustomed. Damascenus founded the hymns on this feast, and they are extant in his works (*Hildegard., de Diebus Sanct.*, p. 60). The northern, and probably many other nations, computed the year from one solstice to another, which they divided into equal parts, and thus the solstices and equinoxes became quarter-days, of which Lady Day, as the Annunciation is commonly termed, has always been the most noted, and, previously to the reformation of the kalendar, was the first day of our civil year. The Armenians hold the Annunciation on January 5, in order to prevent its falling in Lent; but the Greeks make no scruple of celebrating it during that solemn festival. See *Fest. Annunc. b. Marie*.

**A**nnus ab Annuntiacione.—The French chronologists remark, that those who commenced the year from the Annunciation, March 25, were nine months and seven days in advance of others, whose years began on the 1st of January. This style was adopted by our ecclesiastics in the 12th century; and hence also Eadmer, who wrote in the middle of this age, calls the Quater Temper, or ember days of Pentecost, the fast of the fourth month, reckoning March the first.

**A**nnus ab Incarnatione.—The year from the Incarnation, which appears to have been formerly celebrated on the 25th of March (see *Annuntiatio Dominica*). In some cases, it seems to mean the year from the Nativity, and, in others, merely the year of Christ. Gervase, of Canterbury, mentions that the writers of his age, whether they computed from the beginning or the end of the solar year, annexed this title to the years of the Christian era: "Uterque etiam annis Domini unum eundemque titulum apponit, cum dicit

anno ab Incarnatione tanto vel tanto facta sunt illa et illa." The French chronologists remark that there is a difference of a year, short of seven days, between the two commencements of the year, from Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, though both were styled the years of the Incarnation. As the greater number of our early historians and diplomatists began the year of the Incarnation from the Nativity, they have given occasion to an opinion that these words, "Anno ab Incarnatione," always pointed to Dec. 25 as the New Year's Day; but, as we learn from Gervase, the signification was not so precise. Under the third race of the French kings, the year of the Incarnation, which is properly the year of the Nativity, was changed to March 25, the time of the Conception: thus, in an ancient deed, "Anno pene finito 1010, Indict. ix. mense Febr.," or February, 1011, beginning the year at January (*Moreri, tom. I, A. p. 476*). A French charter of the 12th century, quoted by Du Cange, is dated on the second of January, in the year of the Incarnation, 1183, January 1 being New Year's Day: "Fait en l'an de l'Incarnation de notre S. Jesu Christ, 1183, el mois de Janvier, lendemain du premier jour de l'an" (*Gloss., tom. I, col. 463*). See note †, vol. I, p. 3; and art. *Years of CHRIST*.

**Annus a Partu Virginis.**—The year computed from the Nativity.—*Gul. Neu-brigens. passim.*

**Annus a Paschate.**—The computation of the years from Easter was introduced about the 11th cent., and became common in the 13th and 14th ages, particularly in France and the Netherlands; thus, a charter of King John is dated at Villeneuve, near Avignon, on Good Friday, March 31, 1362—and another, granted the following day, is dated on Holy Saturday of Easter, April 1, 1362, the year being in both cases 1363, according to our calculation from January 1 (*Encycl. Fr. Dep. Antiq., t. I, p. 195*): "Jusques au dit terme de Pasques commencanz, qui sera l'an de Grace, 1368" (*Rymer, Fœd., III, ii, 785*). See *Pasques Commencanz*.

**Annus a Translatione S. MARTINI.**—The translation of St. Martin is July 4 and this term may denote only a conventional year, and not a year of common computation.

**Annus Bissextilis.**—See *Bissextilis*.

**Annus Canicularis.**—The Egyptian year, which commenced with the first of the month Thoth, when *Canicula*, or the dog star, rises.

**Annus Circumcisionis.**—The year computed from January 1, the feast of the Circumcision.

**Annus Climactericus.**—The climacteric year, i. e. the sixty-third or eighty-first year of a man's age, which, in the days of superstition, were accounted critical, because one is the product of 7 times 9, and the other of 9 times 9.

**Annus Curriculosus.**—The current year. See *Curriculus*.

**Annus, Dies, et Vastus.**—Year, day, and waste, are a part of the royal prerogative, by which the king challenges the profits of the lands and tenements, for a year and a day, of those who are attainted of felony; and the king may cause waste to be made on the tenements by destroying houses, ploughing up meadows, &c. unless the lord of the fee agree with him for the redemption of such waste.—*Jacob, Law Dict.*

**Annus Embolismalis.**—A lunar year, containing thirteen lunations or lunar astronomical months, the quantity of which is 383 d. 21 h. 33 m. This year

is frequently used in the mixed lunar or soli-lunar computation (*Strauch. Brev. Chron.*, b. I, c. 6). See *Embolismus*.

**Annus et Dies.**—A formula used for a complete year, in a charter of 1187; in the old English law phrase, “*Annus, dies et vastus*”—and in the *Speculum Saxonum*, art. 38, “*Qui per annum et diem in proscriptione imperatoriae majestatis denique steterit, ille juris erit alienus, et ejus feodium domino liberum vacabit.*” A year and a day are defined to be a year and six weeks, by the commentators on the Saxon text (*Spelm. Gloss. in v.*) By the *Charta de Foresta* (9 Hen. III, cap. 10), the punishment for killing the king’s deer is imprisonment “*per unum annum et unum diem*,” the day being added evidently to ensure the completion of the penal year.

**Annus Gratiae.**—The year of grace is the vulgar year of Christ. This formula was introduced in the 12th century, and became common in the 13th. In a charter of Henry de Lacey, earl of Lincoln—“*Totam terram que mihi accedit per feloniam W. de Reoley, pro qua suspensus fuit in itinere justiciorum, anno gratiae 1272.*”—*Kuerden, MSS. t. IV, fo. 10*; *in Coll. Armarium, Lond.*

**Annus Lunæ.**—The year of the moon—not a lunar or astronomical year, but a single month.

**Annus Magnus.**—The great year of the astronomical philosophers, the completion of which was supposed by the vulgar to be the end of the world. Hence, some charters of the tenth century contain an annunciation of this approaching climax. An unfortunate transposition of the figures 5260 (vol. I, p. 30, n), has obscured the quotation of Cardinal de Aliaco’s calculation.

**Annus Novus.**—*Pascha*, or Easter, which is still so called in the church of Antioch.

**Annus Philosophicus.**—A common month among the old alchemists and physicians: “*Annus Philosophicus est mensis communis*” (*Johnson, Lexic. Chymic.*, p. 16; *Lond.* 1652); “*Ein Philosophisches Jahr, ist ein gewöhnlicher Monath.*”—*Christoph. Lex. Pharmaceut.*, p. 18; *Neuremberg*, 1701.

**Annus Regni.**—The year of a king’s reign.

**Annus Sabbathi, Sabbaticus.**—See *Matt. Paris, Hist. an. 1100*, which was a Sabbath year, or a seventh year among the Jews. The Sabbath cycle is a system of seven lunæ-solar years, continually recurring, which commences from the time of the division of land by Lot, according to Eusebius, Scaliger, and Calvisius.

**Annus secundum Evangelium.**—Between this and the Dionysian or vulgar era, Gervase of Canterbury, in *Præfat.*, says there is a difference of twenty-two years; but the difference is only two years.—*Strauch., b. IV, c. 40, r. 4.*

**Annus Trabentionis.**—According to Du Cange, this is the year of the crucifixion, “*Annus trabentionis Christi (annus quo Christus trabi affixus est)*; but, according to *L’Art de vérifier les Dates*, it is the same as the year of the Incarnation. The import of the words is the year of the crucifixion, and cannot well be reconciled with that of the incarnation. Scaliger makes the epoch of the Passion, the year of the Julian period 4746, sol. cycl. 14, lun. cycl. 15, April 3, or A. D. 33 vulg. era.

**Ans.**—For a time, once—*Norm. Fr.*, from the Saxon, *aner*, *once*.

**Antan.**—Last year.

**Antecinerales Feriae.**—The carnival days preceding Ash Wednesday, which are called Cineres, or Dies Cineris, and Dies Cinerum.

**Antelucanum.**—Twilight, when the last of the four nocturnal vigils was said.

Gregory of Tours, mentioning the funeral of St. Ambrose, says—"Ad ecclesiam antelucana hora qua defunctus est, corpus ipsius portatum est."—*De Gloria Confess., cap. 104.*

**Antelucinum.**—The last of the four nocturnal vigils, "quæ in ortum luminis adimpletur" (*Arnob. Comment. in Psalm CIX*). It also signifies the morning twilight.

**Anteluculum.**—Like the two last words, morning twilight; *ante*, before, and *lux*, light.

**Ante Natale Domini.**—Advent, the time immediately preceding Christmas-day.

**Ante Nativitatem Domini.**—Advent: the French call the eight days before Christmas—*les Avents de Noel.*

**Antipascha.**—Among the Greeks, the second Sunday after Easter, which we account the first. The week beginning with this Sunday is named Antipaschal Week; but *Antipascha*, in the Western church, was *Dominica in Albis*, which is sometimes still so called.—*Corso delle Stelle, p. 40.*

**ANTONIA.**—May 4: G. 405.

**ANTONIUS, ANTOINE, ANTHONY,** Abbot and Confessor.—Jan 17: G 397; V. 422; T. 435; E. 449; L. 461. "xvi Kal. (Feb.) Depositio S. Antonii Monachi" (*Kal. Arr. 826*), commonly called St. A. the Great, as founder of monastic orders in the deserts of Thebais, in 305. He died in 356, aged 105 years. *Antonius*, Jan 17; G. 397. There were also St. Anthony, monk, 520 a 530, Dec. 28: and St. A. of Cauleas, bishop, 896, Feb. 12.

**ANTONINUS, mart.**—Sept. 3; G. 413: Sept. 2; E. 457, which agrees with others. The kalendars *Tib.*, *Jul.*, and the Sax. *Menol.*, *Jul. A. X.*, call him Antonius. There was also Antoninus, a Dominican, and abp. of Florence 1459; May 10.

**Anuales.**—Annual Masses (see *Annieux*; *Annua*; *Anniversary*); "Chapel-leins parochiels, ou autres chauntantz anuales" (*St. 36 Edw. III, st. 1, c. 8*). In Rushworth erroneously, parish chaplains, or others, singing *daily masses*, whereas it is singing the masses on the anniversaries.

**Anz.**—N. Fr., plural of an year.

**Aore.**—Now: N. Fr., Adoré. See *Vendredi Aoré.*

**Aparitia Domini**—For *Apparitio Domini*, or Epiphany.—*Sax. Menol., Jul. A. X.*

**Aperta.**—See *Dominica Aperta*.

**Apocreos.**—The carnival of the Greeks, which commences on Monday in Septuagesima week, and ends on the Sunday following, after which they abstain from the use of flesh. Hence the name Apocreos—*ἀπὸ τοῦ κρέατος*, from *flesh*, is nearly synonymous with carnival.

**APOLLINARIS (1), Bp., Mart.**—July 23: V. 428; T. 441; E. 455. This festival is not mentioned in the *S. Menol.*, *Jul.*, *A. X.*: "x. Kal. (Aug.) Natalis S. Apollinaris" (*Kal. Arr., 826*) He was the first bishop of Ravenna, about the beginning of the second century.—*Corso delle Stelle, p. 58.*

**APOLLINARIS (2), Bp.**—Aug. 23, with Timothy; E. 456. This was Sidonius, Apollinaris, bp. of Clermont, who died in 452. There were also,—1, **Apoll-**

ogist of Christianity, 177, Jan. 8—2, Bp. of Valencia, 525, Oct. 5—3, a Virgin, Jan. 5 (*Martyrol. Rom.*); but this is probably Apollinaris, whose life is extant in Gr. MS. Oxon., and whose day is Jan. 4. The church of Apollinaris, at Rome, is built on a place anciently sacred to Apollo.

**APOLLO.**—June 4; G. 407. This was probably one of the crowd of saints adopted with Bacchus, Concordia, Nympha, Mercurius, &c. from Roman mythology. See *Middleton's Letter from Rome*.

**APOLONARIS.**—July 23; G. 410. See *Apollinaris* (1)

**APOSTLES, Peter and Paul** (1)—June 29: G. 408; V. 427; T. 440; E. 454.

**APOSTLES, Simon and Jude** (2)—Oct. 28: G. 416; V. 431; T. 444; E. 458; L. 470.

**Apostolorum Festum.**—See *Festum Apostolorum*.

**Apparitio, Apparitio Domini.**—The appearance or manifestation of Christ; a name of the Epiphany: “Apparitio quod est Epiphania.”—*Fragm. Kal. Mozarab., ap. Pinium.*

**Apparitio Sanctæ Crucis.**—Aug. 19, in the martyrologies of Jerome and Wandalbert.

**Apparitio S. Michaelis Archangeli.**—May 8. See *Festa S. Michaelis*.

**Apres la Conqueste.**—These words were inserted in the king's title by Edw. I., and were constantly used in the time of Edward III. (*claus. 2, Edw. III, Jacob.*) They are said to have been employed for the purpose of distinguishing these kings from others of the same name before the Conquest; but they are to be found in the dates of charters in the reigns of Richard II and Henry VII and VIII, where, if such were the reason, they were needless. Judge Cavendish's will, in 4 *Ric.* II, supplies an example. It is dated at Bury St. Edmund—“le Vendredy proscheyen devant la Feste des Palmes, l'an du regne le Roy Richarde seconde, apres la Conqueste quart.”—*Archæol.*, vol. IX, p. 56.

**APULEIUS.**—Oct. 7, with Marcellus; V. 431.

**Aquarius.**—Sun's entry into this sign, Jan. 18: V. 422; T. 435.

**AQUILA & SEVERUS.**—Jan. 23; G. 398.

**ARACLIUS.**—July 7; Jul.—where the copies Galb. and Tib. have *Mælmen*.

**Architriclini Dies.**—The second Sunday after the Epiphany. See *Festum Architriclini*.

**Ar, Are.**—Before; Rob. of Glouce. and Rob of Brunne: from the Saxon ape. See *Dawes*.

**Aries.**—Sun's entry into this sign, March 18: G. 401; T. 437.

**Arma Passionis.**—See *Festum Lanceæ CHRISTI*.

**Arn Monath.**—The month of August (*Eginhart, Vit. Caroli Magni*, c. 29).

This should, perhaps, be printed Aru, or Arv, Monath; for, as it signifies the month of harvest, it is derived from the Suio-Goth, argh, a field. The similarity of *u* and *n* in some ancient MSS., particularly where a name or term is unknown to the transcriber, will readily account for a mistake, which, if it be one, it is singular has passed so long without correction.

**ARNULF, Bp. and Mart.**—Aug. 16; G. 411. *Bp.* and *Conf.*; E. 456, and July 18, E. 455. This was Arnoul, mart 534. There were also—1, Bp. of Metz, 640, July 18—2, Bp., 1074, Sept. 19—3, Bp. 1087, Aug. 15. See *Crastinum B. ARNULFI et CLARII*.

**ARSENIIUS, Abb. et Conf.**—July 19; E. 455. Tutor of Arcadius and Ho-

norius: he died in 440. In the *Sax. Menol.*, July 20, **Arsenus** (for *Arsenius*) and **Rusticus**, July 19; G. 410.

**Ascensa Domini**.—For *Ascensio Domini*, the Ascension.

**Ascensio B. MARIE V.**.—The Assumption, so named in the 9th cent.

**Ascensio Domini**.—Ascension of our Lord; Ascension Day. A moveable festival, held on Thursday in Rogation week, which is next but one before Pentecost. As to its antiquity, it is said to have been instituted so early as 68 (*Augustin. Epist.* 118, n. 1: *Polyd. Verg.*, l. vi, c. 8, p. 377). Athanasius and Chrysostom have each a homily on this festival; and it is ordained by the Apostolical canons (*Thomassin, Traité des Fêtes*, p. 370). King John, when earl of Morton, dates a charter on Monday next before the ascension of our Lord (May 20, 1191): “Anno regni domini regis tertio die lune proxima ante ascensionem domini” (*Cartæ, Privilegia, &c.* p. 7). “I write in hast w<sup>t</sup> in Wyght on Soneday at nyght aft’ the Ascenc’on of our Lord” (*temp. Henry VI; Paston Letters*, v. I, p. 212). This is explained in the old English sermon on the “*Ascensio Domini*” thus: “Gode men þis day is a hegh day & holy fest in alle holy chyrche, for þis day os þe feythe of holy chyrch belevest & prechuth, Criste, goddys sone of heuen, veri god & man, stegh vp in to heuen, & sytthy þere on lys fadir ryghte hande in þe blysse þ<sup>t</sup> euer schal laston. Wherfore in tokenyng of þis þing þe paschal, þ<sup>t</sup> is þe scheff lyght in holy schyrch þ<sup>t</sup> hath standon fro astur hydir to openly in þe quere, þis day is remevyd away.”—*MS. Claud.*, A. II, fo. 70 b.

**Ascensio Domini in Cœlum**.—May 5: G. 405; D. 453. “Prima Ascensio Domini in Celos,” or first ascension of our Lord into heaven: T. 439. In the *Sax. Menol.*, *Julius*, A. X: “Se ðæg be upe ðrijhten on to heopenum ar̄tag;” the day on which our Lord ascended into the Heavens. This was fixed apparently according to the opinion of Beda; but the epoch of the Passion itself is a matter of dispute among chronologists (see *Strauch., Brev. Chron.*, b. IV, ch. 41). However this may be, it occurs as a date: þur pær on þam ðæge prima apprenſio domini (*Chron. Sax. an.* 1010.) Dr. Ingram very strangely translates this passage—“This was on the day called the first of the ascension of our Lord (p. 184-5); though it is obviously—“This was on the day [called] the first ascension of our Lord,” or “the day of the first ascension,” for the Saxons, when composing in their own language, paid little regard to the cases of Latin nouns.

**Ascensus Christi**.—See *Ascensio Domini*; *Pol. Verg.*, l. VI, c. 8, p. 317.

**Ash Wednesday**.—The first day of Lent, and on that account called *Caput Jejunii*, the head or beginning of the fast. In a MS. homily for the day—“Now good frendys that ge schalle cum to churche—for hit ys the Hed and the begynnninge of alle this holy fastynge of Lenct” (*Harl. MS.*, 2383, fo. 85, b.). The name of Ash Wednesday, as well as its equivalent, *Dies Cinerum*, is taken from an ancient custom, mentioned in a MS. which Du Cange quotes, of placing *cineres*, or ashes, upon the head of the penitent, and at a subsequent period upon the heads of all the faithful, on this day (*Gloss.*, tom. II, col. 621). Stow, the annalist, records that, on Ash Wednesday, 1547-8, “the use of giving ashes was left off throughout the whole city of London.” See *Caput Jejunii*; *Cineres*; *Dies Cinerum*, &c.

**Ask Wednesday**.—The same (*Robert of Brunne*). From the Saxon æfc, *ciniſ*,

*ashes, or arca, dust, powder.* Icelandic *aska*, *cini*. The Dutch call it *Asschen Woensdach*, and the Germans *Eschtag*, and *Eschen Mittwoche*.

**Asotus.**—See *Dominica Asoti*.

**Aspiciens a longe.**—The first Sunday in Advent, from the response in the first of the *Nocturne*.

**Assembly Day**—Among the ancient Jews, Oct. 28, but now Oct. 29.

**Assensio Domini.**—For Ascensio Domini.—*Chron. Sax.*, 1010.

**Assomption Messe.**—The mass or festival of the Assumption, Aug. 15.—*Rob. of Brunne*, p. 175.

*Assumptio Christi*, or *Domini*.—A very ancient name of the Ascension, on which St. John Chrysostom has a homily.—*Oper.*, tom. VII, h. 63; *Ed. Samie*.

**Assumptio Sancti JOHANNIS Evangelistæ.**—Dec. 27; T. 446. This is the same as “*Natalis S. Johannis Evang.*” (*Arr. 826, ad 5 kal. Jan.*), for the Assumption of a saint is the day of his death, “*quo ejus anima in cœlum assumitur*,” and a Saxon homily, “*In Assumptio Sci Johannis*,” explains it thus:—John, the beloved of our Lord, was this day assumed into the kingdom of Heaven” (*Hickes, t. II, p. 9*). Orderic Vitalis uses it as a date.

**Assumptio S. Mariæ**—Assumption notre Dame, Aug. 15: G. 411; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456; L. 468. The assumption of our Lady was formerly preceded, in the Gothic and Gallic churches, by the *Cathedra S. Petri*, and celebrated Jan. 18 (*Sacram. Gallicum*, p. 297). By the council of Mentz, held in 813, the feasts of Andrew, Peter, Paul, John the Baptist, Pentecost, the Epiphany, and the Assumption, which had been previously observed, were authoritatively enjoined (*Can. 36*). Leo IV, who died in 855, honoured it with an octave. Though sometimes applied to other saints, as St John the Evangelist, the term Assumption is considered as properly due to the Virgin only, whose ascent into Heaven it is taken to express:—

“Tandem clara dies Reginæ Adsumptio cœlis  
Regiparentis adest.” *Du Cange, Gloss. t. I, col. 794.*

To the same effect is a MS. homily, entitled "Assumpcio beate Marie Virginis," of the age of Edward IV, in the Harleian collection:—"Suche a day shalle be the only feste of the assumpcione of our lady Seinte Mary. For that same day our souerayne Sauiour Christ Jhesu assumpte and toke vp vnto hym his blesside Modir Maris in to Heuene, bothe body and soule, and crownded her Quene of blisse. Whiche day, alle Aungellis in Heuene came in procession to hir with rosis and swete smelling floures of paradise, in token that she is rose holi and floure of all womane; and so they dide Omage vnto hir as the chefe princes of Blisse" (*Codex*, 2247, *fo.* 178 *b*). The day of Mary's death is totally unknown, yet Damasus, about 364, appointed this festival.—*Dresser, de Fest. Dieb.*, p. 148. See *Fest. Obdorm. b. Mariae*.

**Aster Day, Astur Day.**—Easter Day, and apparently a corruption of that name; but Mirk, the author of the Festival of Englyssche Sermones, and others who have copied him, consider it to be so called from *aster*, or *astir*, the stoke of the chimney or fire-place (low Lat. *astrum*, a house or habitation, whence *aster homo*, a resident; and in Coke, I. Inst. 8, *astrarius hæres*, a heir dwelling where his ancestors placed him). Mirk's account of it is contained under the rubric—*In die Pasche, Sermo post Resurreccionem,*

and is as follows :—“ Hit is called astur day as candulmas day is of candeles, and Palme Sonday of palmes ; for welnyg in ych place hit is þe maner to ds þe fyre owte of þe halle at þis day, and þe astur þt hath be alle þe wyntur brend w<sup>t</sup> fyre and baked w<sup>t</sup> smoke, hit schall be þis day araed w<sup>t</sup> grene rysshes and sote [sweet] flowrus strawed abowte hit, schewyng an hye ensampull to alle men and women þt rygte as þe maken clene þe howse w<sup>t</sup> in forthe, berynge owte þe fyre and straywyng þere flowrus rygte, þey shall clanse the hose of þere sowie, doyng away þe fyre of lechery, of deedly wrath, and of enuye, and straye þeyre sote erbis and flowrus, &c.” (*Lansd. MS. 392, fo. 55 b.*) If this be correct, Aster or Astur Day is from the Sax. *ærtyppan*, *to stir up*. The parallel passage in the *Harl. MS. 2247*, reads “ Esterne Day” for *Astur Day*, and “ stoke of the chimney” for *astur*, which effectually destroys the author’s meaning (see *Pace Day*). Astur Day occurs in *Harl. MS. 2403, fo. 83*, in a passage quoted under *Clene Lent*, and in the following lines, from a metrical treatise on the duties of a parish priest of the 14th cent.—

“ They schulen alle to chyrche come  
And ben schryue alle and some,  
And be hoseled wythowte bere  
On Aster Day alle and fere  
In þat day by costome  
Le schule be hoselet alle and some.”

*MS. Claud., A. II fo. 129 b.*

**ATHANASIUS**, *Abp. Conf.*—May 2; V. 426. Bp.; T. 439. Bp. and Conf.; E. 453. In some kalendars, this day is called that of his translation. This celebrated father of the church died in 371.

**ATHELDRITH**, *Virg.*—Oct. 17; V. 431. See *ÆTHELDRYTHE*.

**ATHELWOLD**, Bp.—Aug. 1; V. 429. “ Depositio S. Athelwoldi”—T. 442. Translation, Sept. 10: V. 430; T. 443. The “benevolent bishop of Winchester, and father of the monks,” died in 984.—*Chron. Sax.*

**Attente des Couches de notre Dame**.—The same as *Expectatio b. Mariae*, and *Expectatio Puerperii B. Mariae*. See *Annunciation*; *Expectatio*, &c.

**AUDACTUS & FELIX**.—Aug. 30; G. 412.

**AUDIFAX**.—Jan. 19.

**AUDIOENUS**.—Aug. 24: V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. This was Dado Ouen, bp. of Rouen in 683 or 686. His other days are March 20 and 31, one of which is that of his translation, which took place about 842.—*Cadomans, Ann. in Mon.*, p. 1016.

**AUDOMARUS** (1), *Conf.*—June 7; V. 427. 2, Audomarus and Gorgonius, mart., Sept. 9; G. 413. “ V. id. (Sept.) Natalis S. Gorgonii et Depositio S. Audomari” (*Kal. Arr. 826*). This was St. Omer, living in 607.

**Audrey’s Day**—An old corruption of *Ætheldrythe*, or Etheldreda.

**Aueril**.—April; L. 463, 464.

**Aueryl**.—An old English, or rather French, name of April, borrowed by the English. Robert of Gloucester, speaking of the death of “ Kyng Cadwallad” in 699, says—

“ And elleþe day of Aueryl out of þys worl he wende.”

*Chron., p. 255.*

**AUPHEMIA.**—April 13; G. 403. This should be Euphemia: “Idus (April.), Natalis S. Euphemiae.”—*Kal. Arr.*, 826.

**AUGUSTINE** (1).—May 7; G. 405.—2, Aug. 28; G. 412.—3, May 26; G. 406. *Augustinus*, abp., and Bede, presbyter; V. 426. Augustine, apostle of the English, and Bede; E. 453. The Saxon Menol., *Jul. A. X*—“Commemoration of St. Augustine, the bishop, who first brought baptism to the English nation. His see was at Canterbury” (see *v. I*, p. 12 *n.*) He died in 614, was buried at St. Peter’s, Canterbury (*Dissect. S. Chron.*, p. 246), and has a high character in the Dano-S. poetical Menology. 4, *Augustinus*, bp., May 28; E. 453. The great Augustine (V. 429; T. 442), bp. of Hippo, father of the church, and founder of monastic orders in Africa in 388, of communities of clerks in 395, and of monks in 423 (*Corso delle Stelle*, p. 64). He was the son of St. Monica, 354; elected to Hippo, 395; and died 430.

**Augustus.**—August, in which the harvest month commenced, whence the Latin name, Augustus, came to be used for harvest itself; thus, in a charter of 1158—“Concessum est etiam ut omnes homines de communia (Incrensi) suum habeat Martium apud villam a purificatione S. Mariae Candelarum usque ad medium Apriliem, et a festivitate S. Johannis Baptista, suum similem habeat Augustum usque ad festivitatem Omnium Sanctorum” (*Du Cange*, *t. I*, *c. 852*); that is, they might make their harvest from June 24 to Nov. 1. The French still say, in this sense of the word—“Faire l’Aoust,” and “l’Aoust n’est pas commencé.” Augustus is used for harvest in Domesday Book. See *Bederepe*.

**AULAIRE.**—A name of St. Eulalia.

**Auril, Aurill.**—April; old Engl. and Norm. Fr.

**Aust.**—August; L. 467—and Fr. diplomas, temp. Edw. III.

**AUSTRABELTA**, Virg.—Feb. 11; G. 399. An abbess in 703. There was also A., a virgin, 481, Oct. 20.

**Austynes Day.**—May 26. Day of Augustine, apostle of the English, who thus abridged his name as early as the 13th century:

“Seyn Austynes day, as it valþ in May.”

*Robert of Glouc.*, *p. 277*; *Paston Lett.*, *A. D. 1478*, *v. II*, *p. 268*.

**Autumni initium.**—Aug. 7: G. 411; V. 429; T. 442—the two last give 92 days to Autumn. Brydferth of Ramsay has the same commencement of Autumn, but allows only 90 days to the season, which, he says, takes its name from ripening or gathering of fruit—“propter autumationem, vel propter maturitatem.” This day is also the beginning of Autumn in the Dano-Sax. Men., *Tib. B. I*, *v. 276*. According to Dr. Forster, the Autumnal quarter commences Sept. 10, and consists of ninety days (*Peren. Cal.*, 465); others have it on Sept. 12. The Bajwari numbered their years by Autumns, as the Anglo-Saxons, Franks, and others, did theirs by Winters; but the Germans, though acquainted with the other seasons, had neither the name nor the benefit of Autumn: “Hiems, et ver, et aestas intellectum ac vocabula habent; auctumni perinde nomen ac bona ignorantur” (*Tacit. de Mor. Ger.*, *c. 26*). From *autumnitas*, Bishop Hall (*Satyres*, *b. III*) produces Autuminity:

“Thy grandsire’s words savour’d of thrifte leckes,  
Or manly garlick: but thy furnace reekes

Hote streams of wine ; and can aloofe descrie  
The drunken draughts of sweet autumnnitie."

Auvreil, Auvrill, Auvryl.—April : old Engl. and Fr.

Avant.—Advent: N. Fr.

Avaunt Veille.—Before the vigil of a festival, N. Fr.

Avents de Noel.—The eight days before Christmas. See *Advent*.

Aventus.—For Adventus, in 1385.—*Du Cange, t. I, c. 761.*

Averil.—April. *Harl. MS. 2253, fo. 63 b.*

“ Bytwene Mershe and Averil,  
When spray beginneth to springe.”

Aves inciplunt cantare.—Birds begin to sing, Feb. 12; D. 450.—*Bed. Ephem.*  
Aveuglé Né.—Wednesday in the fourth week of Lent. It is a Fr. translation  
of the Latin of the same day. See *Dies Cæci Nati*.

Avrill.—April: “ The last day of Avrill, in the ij yere of kyng Harry the Vth.”  
—*Madox, Form. Ang., p. 6.*

Awdryes Day.—A corruption of Ætheldrythe, or Etheldreda, whose day is June  
23, and whose translation Oct. 17: “ Wretyn at London on Seynt Awdryes  
daye A°; Ed. iiiij<sup>u</sup> xvij.”—*Paston Lett., v. II, p. 248.* See *ÆTHELDRYTHE*.

Ax-wednesday.—Ash Wednesday, by the same kind of transposition of the  
letters (aꝝea into aꝝia) as takes place in the verb aꝝian when it becomes  
aꝝian, or axian, *to ask*, or *to ax*, as it is yet pronounced in parts of Lanca-  
shire :

“ Sir Edweard, toward Lente, toward þe Marshe he gan wende,  
As the þat on Axwednesdai, al by þe weste ende,  
To Gloucester he wende”— *Rob. of Glouc., p. 542.*

Azymes.—The feast of unleavened bread among the Jews. See *Festum  
Azymorum*.

BABILLA.—Jan. 24. Babilla and his three boys; V. 422. B. and his com-  
panions; E. 449 : but the three boys alone, G. 398. Babylas, bp. of An-  
tioch, mart. 251, is commemorated in the Greek church, Sept. 4.

Bacchanalia.—See *Clericorum, vel Dominorum Bacchalia*.

BACHUS.—Oct. 7; with Sergius, E. 458. A saint of the same family as Apollo.  
“ In another place (says Dr. Middleton), I have taken notice of an altar  
erected to St. Baccho ; and in their stories of their saints, I have observed  
the names of Quirinus, Romula and Redempta, Concordia, Nympha, Mer-  
curius (*Aring. Rom. Subt., l. II, 21 ; III, 12 ; IV, 16, 22 ; V, 4*), which,  
though they may have been the genuine names of Christian martyrs, cannot  
but give occasion to suspect, that some of them at least have been formed  
out of a corruption of old names.”—*Letter from Rome.* See SERGIUS and  
BACHUS.

Bæophorus.—Palm Sunday : among the Greeks, *Βαυωφορος*, i. e. *ramifera*, vel  
*palmifera*.

BALBINA.—March 31. This is the young woman whom Pope Alexander  
cured of a wen in her *gula*, or throat, by means of St. Peter's chains, whence

August 1 was called *Gula Augusti* (See v. I, p. 334). She is invoked for wens by pious Romanists.—*Hospin. Fest. Christ.*, fo. 55 b.

BALTHILDIS, Queen.—Jan. 30: V. 422; T. 435. This was Batilda, or Bathildis (E. 449), queen of Clovis II of France, and mother of Clothaire III, Childeric II, and Thierri I. She died in 680, and was canonized by Nicholas I.

Baptisterium.—The Epiphany among the Armenians.

Baptistre.—In our Fr. Statutes, and elsewhere, the Baptist: “ *Saint Johan le Baptiste*” (2 *Hen. VI*, c. 11). “ *A la feste de Saint Johan le Baptiste*.”—*Acts of Privy Council*, v. I, p. 60.

BARBARA, V.—Dec. 16; V. 433. A martyr in 306: her day is n. w Dec. 4.—*Corso delle Stelle*, p. 80; *Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 152 b.

BARNABAS, Apost.—June 11: V. 427; T. 440; E. 454; L. 466. June 10: G. 407: “ *iii id. (Jun.) Depositio S. Barnabæ Apostoli*.”—*Kal. Arr.*, 826.

BARTHOLOMÆUS, BARTHOLOMEW, Apost.—Aug. 24: G. 412; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456; L. 468. This festival is said to have been instituted in 1130 (*Hospinian*). But it is contained in the kalendar of Arras, of 826, and in Saxon and Dano-Saxon Menologies, as well as in these MSS. Another saint of this name was celebrated June 24.

Barthu Day.—Bartholomew's Day, in *Paston Lett.*, I, p. 174: “ *Bartud Mess*,” in the Runic kalendar—*Ol. Worm.*, *Fast. Danici*, p. 140.

Bascarah.—Among the Syrians, the Annunciation, celebrated Dec. 1. The word signifies search, or inquiry.

Basilicæ S. MARIAE Dedicatio.—June 5; T. 440 (see *Dedicatio*.) The basilicæ were originally royal palaces, but the Romans applied the term to large public places used for trials, deliberations, and other business; afterwards the name was given to temples, and then to churches. Their eastern aspect was a consequence of the ancient worship of the sun.—*Tertullian, Apol. dist.*, 84; *Higinius de Limit.*

“ *Esse deum solem recta non mente putantes.*”

*Corripus*, l. I.

But the aspect of Christian churches may be partly owing to imitation, or bear reference to the great scenes of the revelation.

BASILIDIS, CIRINUS, NABOR and NAZARIUS.—June 12: V. 427; T. 440; E. 454. Basilidis: G. 407.

BASILIUS, Bp.—June 14: V. 427; T. 440. Basilius the Great (E. 454), bp. of Cesarea, founder of the Basilian monks in 363, the most ancient of all religious orders: died 379—in the Greek church, Jan. 10—at Paris, March 3—Italy, June 14. There were also—1, Bp., 281, June 29, in Gr. ch. March 22—2, Bp. of Ancyra, deposed in 360, Mar. 22: he is supposed by Jerome to have been an Arabian; his treatise, *De Virginitate*, has been attributed to Basil the Great—3, Pr. & mart., March 22; this is probably the bp. of Aneyra—4, Basilius, Nov. 21; G. 418: perhaps Basolus, anchorite of Champagne, 680; day at Paris, Nov. 20.

BASILLA, V.—May 20; G. 406. “ *A royal virgin at Rome*.”—*Sax. Menol. Jul.*, A. X.

Bastian's Day.—Jan. 20 (*Lives of Saints, Bodl. MS. temp. Hen. VI.*) This

is St. Sebastian (see vol. I, p. 447), a martyr in 287, commemorated with Fabian :

“ To Fabyan γ̄ Bastyane moste we ;  
Thyp̄ haue we myles þre.”

*Stacyony of Rome, MS. Cal. A. II, fo. 82, col. 2.*

**BEATRIX.**—July 29, with Felix, &c.; called Viatrix, in *Kal. Arr.*, 826. She was strangled in prison about 287.—*Hospin. Fest. Christ.*, fo. 123 b.

**BEDE, BEDE.**—May 26, with Augustine : V. 426; E. 465. He died in 734 (*Chron. Sax.*) : “ vii kal. Junii circa horam x<sup>th</sup>” (*Flor. Wigorn.*) In the *Britannia Sancta, par. I*, p. 327, his day is said to be May 27, which is adopted in the Comm. Pr. Book. In the *Kal. Salamense*, written about the year 1000, we have nearly the same entry as in the kalendars V and E: “ vii kal. Junii, Depositio Augustini Confessoris, Bedæ Presbyteri”—whence it appears, says Mabillon, that both died on the same day; but in order that each might have his own proper day, the festival of Bede was remitted to the day following, that is, to May 27 (*Veter. Analect.*, p. 18, fol. Par. 1723). Mabillon notices at the end of an ancient hymn—“ vi id. Maii (May 10), Natalis S’ci Bedæ Presbyteri,” which he supposes to be the day of his translation (*Ibid.* p. 381). He was buried at Durham, with *Aethelwold*, *Basil*, and others :

Anð bpneia boceña Beða  
And the famous author Beda.

*De Situ Dunelmi*, l. 26.

His works, which embrace all the learning and science of his age, were published at Basil, 1563, and at Cologne 1613. It is difficult to account for the omission of his festival in the Saxon menologies, and the kalendar Titus. There was also *Beda*, an Italian monk, April 10.—*Iter. Ital.* I, 144.

**BEDA, Virgin.**—Sept. 12, Tib. A. III; but Teccla, G. 413, and Julius. There was *Bega*, abbess, 7 cent., Sept. 6; also *Begga*, or *Bees*, abbess, 698, Dec. 17.

**Bederepe.**—A day of customary work in harvest, from *beōdan*, *to bid*, and *næpan*, *to cut down*, *to reap*; it is mentioned in Domesday Book. Of the thanes of a manor that had belonged to Edward the Confessor, it is there said—“ that each was accustomed to send two reapers to cut down the king’s crops, for one day in harvest, or pay 2s. fine : “ Unusquisque eorum uno die in Augusto mittebant messores duos secare segetes regis; si non, per .ii. sol. emendabant” (*Cestrescire*, fo. 269 b.) Sometimes the custom was extended to two days; thus, of another manor, the record says that the men had the same customs as the former—“ γ̄ plus illis .ii. diebus in Augusto metebant in culturis regis.” In a third manor it says—the men did not reap in harvest, but made a hedge in the wood : “ Neque metebant in Augusto tantum .i. haim in silua faciebant.” See *Augustus*; *Bind Days*.

**Behourdi; Behourdich.**—The first and second Sundays in Lent, in ancient Fr. charters : “ Le dimence premier Behourdi” (*Chart de Cambray*). “ Le Samedi après le Behourdich” (*Hist. Gen. de la Maison de Guines*, p. 556). See *L’Art de verif. les Dates*. These names refer to a military game of justing or tilting, *hastilidium*, and are derived from the old verb *behourder*,

which Menage, p. 80, explains by the modern word *jouster*. See *Behordicum*.

Beltane, Beltein.—May I. Vol. I, p. 246.

Benedicta.—Introit, and name of Trinity Sunday.

**BENEDICT** (1).—Jan 12 : D. 449. This was Benedict Biscop, abbot of Were-mouth 690, or 703: “In Torneie—sanctus Benedictus qui fuit abbas apud Weremutham” (*Anc. Hist. Fr. & Eng.*, p. 248). 2, B., abbot, 780, Feb. 11. —3, Benet, or Benoit, of Anian, 827, Feb. 12.—4, B., abbot, March 21 : G. 402 ; V. 424 ; T. 437 ; E. 451 ; L. 463. This was the founder of the western monks, or Benedictines, whence the Saxon Chronicle, which places his death in 509, calls him father of all the monks.—5, B., July 4 : G. 409. —6, B. IX, pope, poisoned 1304, July 7.—7, B., abbot, July 11 : “v. non. (Jul.) Natalis S. Benedicti abbatis” (*Kal. Arr. 826*) : but in G. 409 ; V. 428 ; T. 441 ; E. 455 ; and L. 467, July 11 is the *Translation* of St. Benedict (4).—7, B., abbot, Dec. 4 : V. 433 ; T. 446.

**Benedictio**.—Several ecclesiastical benedictions, some of which are of the nature of consecrations, occur in dates, of which the following are the principal :—

**Benedictio ad Mandatum**.—See *Dies Mandati*; *Maundy Thursday*.

**Benedictio Candelarum**.—The benediction or consecration of candles or tapers at Christmas, for Candlemas. Bede, who traces this ceremony to the time of the apostles, says that the English monks who had been to Rome, were accustomed to inscribe the tapers of the Virgin, on Christmas Day, with the year of our Lord (*De Ratione Temp.*, c. 45). This was evidently done in order to mark the new year, which commenced on this day. The Saxons, in respect of the time for performing the ceremony, differed from the church of Rome, as they did in far more important matters. The continental churches consecrated the candles for the Purification on the day itself, and distributed them among the devout. In 1381, there was so great a concourse of people at Rome, demanding the candles on the Purification, which fell on Septuagesima Sunday, that Urban VI directed the Sunday service to be performed, and the candles to be distributed on the following day (*Amelio, Ordo Rom.*, p. 515). The miraculous properties of these holy tapers have been noticed in v. I, p. 156. The original lines of the translation by Barnabe Googe are—

“ Mira est candelis istis et magna potestas:  
Nam tempestates creduntur tollere duras ;  
Porro creduntur sidere tonitrua cœli  
Daemonas atque malos arcere, horrendaque noctis  
Spectra, atque infastæ mala grandinis atque pruinæ,  
*Ut jam non sit opus Christo committere cuncta.*”

*Naogeorg. Regn. Papist.*, l. IV.

For the reason, see *Durand. de Rat. Div. Offic.*, l. VII, c. 7.

**Benedictio Cerei**.—The benediction or consecration of the paschal taper, which was performed on the eve of Easter: on *earfēn æfen mon* *recel halgian* *ænfer* *hone* *tapon* (*Ælfrici Epist. ad Sacerd.*, MS. Tib. A. III, fo. 104). At Rome, the ceremony was performed on holy Saturday at midnight, “ad vi<sup>am</sup> horam,” immediately after obtaining a new light by striking a crystal

or stone (*Ordo Rom. X*; *Mabillon, Mus. Ital.*, v. II, p. 106). From an expression in the *Benedictio Cerei* of the ancient Gallic liturgy, it would seem to have been performed at night wherever that was used: "Hujus igitur sanctificatio noctis fugat scelera, culpas lavat, et reddit innocentiam lapsis, mæstis lætitiam: fugat odia, concordiam parat, et curvat imperia" (*Sacram. Gall. Mus. Ital.* v. I, p. 321). Udalric mentions that it was the custom at Rome, to inscribe the paschal taper with the year of the dominical passion, indiction, concurrent and epact (*Antiq. Consuet. Cluniac.* l. II, c. 14). Polydore Vergil says Zozimus (who died in 418) was the author of the consecration of waxen tapers in all the churches at Easter (l. VI, c. 7, p. 346). The decoration of churches with burning tapers, he supposes to be founded on the same reason as the preservation of perpetual fire by the Vestals (l. V, c. 7, p. 313); but images of the gods, with lamps before them, were common in heathen temples, as observed by Dr. Middleton: "Placuere et Lysimachi pensiles in delubris" (*Plin. Hist. Nat.*, 134, 3). "Cupidinem argenteum cum lampade" (*Cic. in Verr.*, 2):—

"Centum aras posuit, vigilem sacraverat ignem."

*Virg. En., l. IV, v. 200.*

Eusebius, in *Vit. Constant.*, l. IV, relates that the emperor rendered the paschal vigil so brilliant, that he seemed to convert night into day, and that he did not burn tapers, but whole columns of wax (*Hildebr.* p. 69). Bishop Eliudius, in 665, mentions the use of consecrated tapers in the church. The consecration of tapers was prohibited in England by Order of Council, in 1543.

**Benedictio Cinerum.**—The consecration of the ashes for Ash Wednesday. See *Cineres*.

**Benedictio Fontium.**—The consecration of the fonts, on Saturday before Easter day (see v. I, p. 288). It appears to have been the last ceremony of the day.—*Ordo Roman. X*, p. 106.

**Benediction du Cierge.**—The same among the French as *Benedictio Cerei*. A charter is dated, "De Villeneuve près d'Avignon, le Samedi Saint de Pasques, apres la Benediction du Cierge, le premier Avril de l'an 1363;" and thus marks the first moment of the new year, which began at Easter with this ceremony, or immediately afterwards.—*Encycl. Fr., departm. Antiq.*, t. I, p. 195.

**Benedictio Novorum Fructuum.**—Aug. 1. See *Primitiae*.

**Benedictio Palmarum et Ramorum.**—Palm Sunday.

**BENET, Abbot.**—March 21—*Translation*, July 11: L. 463-7. "Praying you interlych to bie w<sup>t</sup> me at dyner on seynt Bennett day, the which xall be on Fryday next comyng," 1454 (*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 236). See *BENEDICT* (4) & (7).

**BERHTIN, Abbot.**—Sept. 5: T. 443; Jul. and Tib. 413—*Translation*, July 16. He lived in 709.

**BERNABYE.**—"Fryday next befor seynt Bernabye," 1464 (*Paston Lett. v. IV*, p. 180). See *BARNABAS*.

**BERNARDIN.**—May 21.—*Hospin. Fest. Christ.*, fo. 86.

**BERNHARD, Abbot.**—Aug. 20. Born 1091; died 1153, and festival instituted 1164.—*Hospin. Fest. Christ.*, fo. 131.

**BERTIN**, Abbot.—Sept. 5 : G. 413 ; E. 457. “ Die Lune in festo s’ci Bertini abb’is,” (1391) *Calend. of Wills*, p. 378. See **BERHTIN**.

**Bertylnewys Ewyn**, Bertylmwes Eve.—Aug. 23 (*Paston Letters*, v. IV, p. 44–52). See **BARTHOLOMÆUS**; **BARTHOLOMEW**.

**Bethpharica**.—The Epiphany, so called because our Lord manifested himself in a house at the marriage of Cana.—*John*, II, 1; *Hickes Thes.*, t. I, p. 203.

**Biduana**.—A fast of two days (*Matt. Westm.*, p. 185). Also Good Friday, the second day before Easter, in an ancient Missal : “ Item, orationes in Coena Domini, sive in Biduana.”—*Du Cange*, I. 1158.

**Bind Days**.—The days on which, by the custom of some manors, tenants were bound to reap their lord’s corn in harvest (*Rot. 10 Hen. III.*) The custom still exists in some places, and seems to be the same as *Bederepe*.

**Binding Day**.—The second Tuesday after Easter, otherwise called Hock Day. **BIRICIU**, *Bp.*—Nov. 18. See **BRICE**.

**BIRINUS**, *Bp.*—Dec. 3 : V. 433 ; T. 446 ; E. 400. First bishop of Dorchester, and apostle of the W. Saxons (*Chron. Sax.*, 684 ; *MS. Julius*, E. VII, fo. 153). The translation of Birinus and Cuthbert, Sept. 4 : V. 430 ; T. 443.

**BIRNSTAN**, *Bp. Conf.*—Nov. 4 ; E. 459. Byrnstan, commonly called Brenstane, bp. of Winchester, died 934.—*Chron. Sax.*, 932–4.

**Bisext**.—Leap-year in old English. See *Bissexturn*.

“ Now biþ þis ffe hondreþ dawes ȝ sixti in þe gere  
ȝ siſ þr to wit oute mo. bote hit bisext were.”

*MS. Jul. D. IX, fo. 49 b.*

“ Leap year is so called (says Jacob), because, in that year, both Feb. 24 and 25 are written—*vi diem ante kalendas Martias*, so that the bissextile year has one day more than others, and happens every fourth year. This intercalation of a day was invented by Julius Caesar, to make the year agree with the course of the sun : and to prevent all doubt and ambiguity that might arise therefrom, it is enacted by the statute *De Anno Bissextili*, 21 Hen. III, that the day increasing the Leap-year, and the next day before, shall be accounted but one day—*Brit. 209; Dyer, 17*” (*Law Dict.*) The name bissextile is applicable only to the computation of days in the Roman manner—in our way, the number of days in February is increased to 29 ; but the intercalary day is still the same, and the dominical letters are changed on the 24th.

**Bissexturn**.—The day intercalated in Leap-year. “ Erat bissexturn de C litera dominicali ad B hoc anno” (*Chron. Petriburg, an. 656*). At *xii kal. Mart.*, the Portiforium Sarisburicense gives the rule for finding Leap-year, by dividing the given year of Christ by 4, which, if it leave no remainder, is bissextile : “ Annos partiri per partes quatuor equas cum poteris bissexturn adesse docetur.” The following account of the *Bissexturn*, or intercalary day, is literally translated from a Saxon treatise, *De Primo Die Seculi* :—

“ Some priests assert that the bissexturn comes through this, that Joshua prayed to God that the sun might stand still for one day’s length, when he swept the heathens from the land, as God granted to him. It is true that the sun did stand still the length of a day over the city of Gabaoon, through this thane’s prayer; but the day went forwards in the same manner as other days : and the bissexturn is not through that, though the unlearned so think.

*Bis* is twice, *sextus*, the sixth—and *bissexturn*, twice six, because we say in the year, now to-day, the sexta kal. Mart., and in the morning, the sexta kal. Mart., because there are always one day and night more in this year than in the three preceding. This day and night grow from the six hours which every year are to be added to the three hundred and sixty [five] days. The sun runs through the twelve signs in 365 days, and in six hours also, and ends the first year on the equinoctial circle, at early morning—the second year at midday—the third in the evening—the fourth year at midnight, and the fifth again at early morning. Thus each of these four years gives six hours, which are twenty-four hours, or one day and night. This day the Roman philosophers gave to the month called February, because it is the shortest and last of all the months. Of this day the wise Augustin says, that the Almighty Creator made it from the beginning of the world for a great mystery, and if it be passed by untold, the just course of the year will be perversely altered; and, again, it will happen to both the sun and the moon, because there is one day and one night [*not reckoned*]. If you will not account it also to the moon, as to the sun, then you frustrate the rule for Easter, and the reckoning of every new moon all the year.”—MSS. *Tib. A. III*, fo. 66, 67 b, collated with *Tib. B. V*; *Tit. D. XXVII*; *Calig. A. XV*.

The Romans looked upon the bissextile day as unfortunate (*Marcellin.*, l. XXVI; *Macrobi.*, l. I, c. 13). This superstition was extended, in the middle ages, to the whole year: “*Hic tumultuosus annus vere bissextilis fuit, et tunc in ordine concurrentium bissextus eucurrit, at ut vulgo dicitur, Bis-sextus super regem et populum ejus in Normannia et Anglia cecidit*” (*Ord. Vital.* l. XIII, p. 905). The French still say, when any misfortune happens, that the bissextus has fallen upon the business: “*Le bissexté est tombé sur une telle affaire.*” See *Locus Bissexti*.

**Black Cross Day.**—April 25, St. Mark’s Day—so called, from the black covers of the crosses and reliques in the processions of the Great Litany. See *Cruces Nigrae*.

**Black Monday, Blakmonday.**—Easter Monday: “*In Anglia feria secunda Pasche Blakmonday nuncupatur*” (*Fordun, Scottichron.* t. II, p. 359). Some superstition attended this day in Shakespeare’s time: “Then it was not for nothing (says Lawrence) that my nose fell a bleeding on Black Monday last” (*Merch. Venice*, A. II, sc. 5). Fordun gives the following as the origin of the appellation:—When the Black Prince was devastating the provinces of France, he came to a place called *Pune de Pane* on Good Friday, “*in die sanctæ Parasceves.*” The monks and others entreated him to be merciful, out of regard to the holiness of the day, but the prince, overcome by the council of the men of Belial, who cried out—“*Waunt de Baner!*” (advance the banner), shewed no deference to place, time, or religion. He, however, retired with his officers to a monastery on the approach of Easter Sunday, while the remainder of the army encamped in the valley. In the evening, he resolved on marching homewards early the next morning. A terrible storm arose, and so intense was the cold, that numbers embowelled their horses, and crept into their bodies for shelter. Multitudes were found dead on Monday morning, when the Prince, summoning a council, rebuked his advisers for preventing his mercy, by crying, “*Waunt de*

baner!" "but (said he) I answer to you, 'O rere de Baner!' " (draw back the banner). After this the remnant of the army, consisting of a few hundreds out of many thousands, hastily departed, by a different route from that which they had intended. On this account hitherto (in England) the second day of Easter has been called Blackmonday. It seems soon afterwards to have become the common appellation of the day, for it is found as a date in an indenture for a day of truce on the West Marches, made 8 Richard II, March 15, between Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, and Archibald de Douglas, lord of Galway : " And gif thir covenantz befor sayd likis or mislikis to the forsayd erle of Northumbr' or to the Lord Nevill, they shall certifie be their letters, or be on of thairis, upon Black Monday that next commis before none, at the chappell of Salem, be the water of Eske."—*Nicholson and Burns, Hist. Westmori. & Cumberl.*, v. I, p. xl. n.

**Black Sunday.**—Passion Sunday, because the altars, crucifixes, and newly-married women, were clothed in sables. The name appears to have been common in Germany : " der schwartz Sonntag."—*Haltius, Cal. Mediævæ*, p. 69.

**BLASE, BLASIUS, BLASSE, Bp., Conf., Mart.**—Feb. 3: V. 423; E. 450; L. 462. In the Greek church, Feb. 11. "On Seint Blasess day following, the abbot of saint Albons in his pontificallly blessed three vergers monials" (*MS. Chron. temp. Edw. III; Archaeol.*, XXII, p. 280). A candle is offered to him on this day, to procure relief from the toothache.—*Hospinian de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 43.

**Blodmonath.**—The month of November; V. 432. The name is compounded of *blot*, *a sacrifice*, and *monath*, *a month*; and more consistently with this etymology, the Dano-Saxon Menology, *Tib. B. I. fo. 112 b*, has *Blot-monath*. "The eleventh month," says the Saxon Menol., *Jul. A. X.*, "is named in Latin November, and in our language Blod Monath, because our ancestors, when they were heathens, always sacrificed, that is, that they took and committed to their idols the cattle which they intended to give them : Ȣe monoð iþ nemneð on leðen nouembriȝ ȝ on uƿe geðeoðe bloð monað. ƿorðon uƿe ylðnan ȝ hy haðenne pænon on þam monðe hy bleotan Ȣ. þ iþ þær hy betæhton ȝ benemðon hýna ƿeopolgyldum ȝ neat þa Ȣe hy polðon ƿyllan. For ƿyllan, to give, the C. C. C MS. has ƿlean, to slay, which agrees with Bede's account of the month : " Blot-monath, mensis immolationum, quod in eo peccata quæ occisi erant, Dilis suis voventur" (*Oper. t. II.*, p. 81). See *Egyptian Days; Hora; Sigma Mensium*.

**Bloody Thursday.**—Thursday of the first week in Lent. On what account this name has been given to the day I know not, but on Thursday, Feb 14, in the first week of Lent, 1400, Richard II was murdered in Pontefract Castle ; but it is very doubtful whether this circumstance would give rise to the name, as Richard was no favourite of the common people.

**Blue Monday.**—Septuagesima Monday in Bavaria, from the colour with which churches are ornamented on that day, "Der blaue Montag."—*Haltius, Cal. Mediævæ*, p. 55.

**Bohordieum, Bohourdis.**—Lat. and Fr. name of the first and second Sundays in Lent. See *Behourdi*.

**BONIFAS and his Companions.**—June 5; L. 466.

**BONIFACE, Bp., and his Companions.**—June 5; E. 454. In V. 426, Boniface, martyr; and in T. 440, there appears to have been an intention of adding “sociorumque ejus.” He was a native of England named Wilferth, disciple of Bede, apostle of Germany, abp. of Metz, mart. 755, and revenged by Pepin of France (*Dresser. de Festis Diebus*, p. 108). There were also—1, Bonifacius, Sept 4: G. 413—2, mart. 407, May 14; Gr. ch., Dec. 5; Paris, May 26.—3, B. I, pope, 423, Dec. 25, or Oct. 25.—4, Bp. of Ross, 630, March 14.—5, Abp. and apostle of Russia, 1009, June 10.—6, Bp., 1266, Feb. 19.

**Bordæ.**—The first Sunday in Lent, and also the whole of the following week. In the statutes of St. Claude, *ann. 1448*, “Pittanciarus ministrare debet die Lunæ post Bordas, seu post dominicam, qua cantatur Invocabit me, collationem de vino et speciebus confectis” (*Du Cange, Gloss.*, I, 1240: see *Dominica Invocavit*). The French had the term *les Bordes*, and both are said to be derived from *bourdon*, or *bordoun*, a long staff used by pilgrims, whom it served for the purpose of *aburdo*, or mule. It does not, however appear how this staff became applied to the day and the week. *Burdon*, among the English, was a quarter-staff, whence the verb *burdare*, to play at quarter-staff, in Matt. Paris: “Quod nulli veniant ad turniandum vel burdandum, nec ad aliquas quascunque aventuras” (*Addit. p. 149*). *Bordæ*, therefore, may bear the same reference to a mimic fight as *Behordicum*, from *behourder*, to joust. But, as the same Sunday and week were also called *Brandones*, as it were, Torch Sunday, &c., *Bordæ* and *les Bordes* may mean no other than *bourdaine*, the piece of wood of which charcoal is made.

**Borne Day.**—Nativity; birth-day. “Suche day ge schul haue ane hye fest in holy chyrche, þ<sup>t</sup> is callud þe natiuite of oure lady, þ<sup>t</sup> is in Englys the borne day of oure lady.”—*Sermo de Nativ. B. Mariæ, MS. Claud. A. II, fo. 104.*

**Borrowed or Borrowing Days.**—The three last days of March (see *Vol. I, p. 210*). In the Statistical Account of Scotl., 8vo, v. I, p. 157, mention is made of an old man, aged 103, who says of himself, that “he was born in the Borrowing Days of the year that King William came;” to which is appended a note—“That is one of the three last days of March, 1688.”—*Forster, Peren. Cal.*, p. 147.

**BOSILUS, Commemoration of.**—July 8; D. 455.

**BOTULF, Abbot.**—June 17; V. 427. With Nictanus, E. 454. He began to build the minster of “Ivanhoe in 654 (*Chron. Sax.*: see *Vol. I, p. 6 n.*) The *Britannia Sancta*, par. I, p. 370, agrees with these kalendars.

**Bouhordis.**—The same as *Bohourdis*, *Bohordicum*, and *Behourdi*.—*Du Cange, t. I, col. 1213*.

**Boxing Day.**—St. Stephen’s Day, Dec. 26.

**Braget Sunday, Braggot Sunday.**—In Lancashire, the fourth Sunday of Lent, so called from a sort of spiced ale, which is used at the visits of friends and relations on this day. The name is the ancient British *bragauid*, ale, now *bracket*. The Scotch call a kind of mead, *bragwart*. See *vol. I, p. 176*; *Mothering Sunday*.

**Brandones, Brandons.**—The same time as *Bordæ*, and expressing the same thing as the Saxon and German *brand*, a torch or firebrand. Dr. Samuel Pegge conjectures that *brandon* is *brandeum*, a veil, with the French termination, because, according to Durand, the crosses were covered, and a veil

was suspended before the altar, from the first Sunday in Lent to Parasceve, or Good Friday (*vol. I. p. 4 n ||*). But the *brandea* were properly the cloths which were laid on the body of St. Peter the apostle, and were so called from the time of Gregory the Great (*Mabillon, Comment. in Ord. Rom., p. cxxxij.*); on the contrary, *brandæ* have always denoted torches or brands. Among the decorations of a pope's funeral, it was ordained there ought to be in the chapel 25 torches or brands, each consisting of at least six pounds of wax : “ *In capella xxv. tortice seu brandones, quilibet ad minus de vi. lib. cerae* ” (*Amel. Ord. Rom., ibid. p. 520*). According to Mr. Fosbrooke, the first week in Lent was called *Brandons* in England, from a practice among boys, who at this period ran about the streets with torches and brands (*Brit. Monachism*). This is highly probable; Menage says that, at Lyons, the people give the name of *brandons* to the bougħi which they fetch from the Fauxbourg de la Guillotiere, on the first Sunday in Lent, which they call *Dimanche des Brandons*. He also derives the word from the German *Brandt*, whence we have *Dimanche des Brandons* and *Dominica in Brandones* (*p. 126*). Borel agrees with him (*Tresor des Recherches*, *p. 62*). A passage in the MS. of a monk of Winchelcombe, in the reign of Henry VI, explaining *branda* to be a torch, borne about the fields by boys on the eve of St. John, sets the question at rest so far as regards the Teutonic origin of the name (see *Note, vol. I. p. 300*). With our ancestors, however, it was not a German, but an unaltered Saxon word, of its original signification. In addition to this it may be satisfactorily observed, that the second Sunday in Lent was also named *Dominica post Focas*, and *D. post Ignes*, both of which clearly refer to the brands of the preceding week, and to nothing else. The Germans also named the first Sunday of Lent *Der Funken Tag*, the *Spark Day*, from the *πυρκαγ*, or *large fires*, which they were accustomed to burn.—*Gretser de Festis*, *p. 108*; *Haltaus, Cal. Med. Ævi*, *p. 62*.

**Brandonner.**—The same as *Brandones*. In a charter of liberties to Perouse, in 1280—“ *Le Dimane qui est apelet Dimane Brandonner*.”—*Du Cange, t. I, col. 1248*.

**BRANULATOR, BRANWALATOR, Conf.**—Jan. 19 : V. 422 ; T. 435.

**BRICE, BRICIUS, BRITIUS.**—Nov. 19 : G. 417 ; V. 432 ; T. 445 ; E. 450 ; L. 471.

“ Sein Brice wit sein Martin. was his dekne merre here.  
To sein Martin his lord. he was gracious in eche manere.”

*Cott. MS. Julius, D. IX, fo. 174.*

This day is remarkable for the massacre of all the Danes in England, in the reign of Ethelred, 1002 : “ In this year (says the Saxon annalist), the King commanded that all the Danish men in England should be slain. This was done on *Bricius mærje dæg* (on Bricius' mass day), because the King was told that they intended to attempt his life” (*Chron. Sax.*) William the Conqueror employed “ the murder of St. Brice's day” as a watchword, or incentive to his Norman nobles, in urging them to revenge the blood of their kinsmen.—*Cunningham, Lives of Englishmen, v. I, p. 67*.

**BRIDE, Virg.**—Feb. 1 : L. 462. The English as well as the French name of **BRIGIDA**, the “ glory of the Scots, alias Irish.”

" Sciente Bride þ<sup>t</sup> holi maide of Yrlond was,  
    ȝ gete ȝhe was in spousbreche in a wonþ<sup>r</sup> cas."

*Julius, D. IX, fo. 14 b.*

**BRIDGET.**—See BRIGITTA.

**BRIGIDA**, V.—Feb. I : V. 423 ; T. 436 ; E. 450—the "glory of the Scots," G. 399. "Kal. Feb. Natalis Sanctæ Brigidae, Virginis, et Sancti Ursi, Episcopi et Confessoris" (*Kal. Arr. 826*). This is an Irish saint, who is said to have lived in the sixth century, but whose existence may be placed in the most remote period of antiquity, being no other than the goddess Bright, daughter of Daghdæ, god of fire (*vol. I, p. 153*). As to the addition, "Gloria Scottorum," in G. 399, the inhabitants of Ireland were frequently called Scots by the Saxons, that name having been given, in the first instance, to the foreign invaders of Hibernia, who were probably Scythians: "Then it first happened (says the Saxon annalist) that the Piets came southward from Scythia with long ships, not many, and they came first to the north of Ireland, and þen beðon Scottar (*there told the Scots*) that they must reside in those parts." The inhabitants were therefore called Scots. Many other instances might easily be adduced in support of the antient kalendar, but this seems amply sufficient.

**BRIGITTA.**—July 23: "Emortualis dies S. Brigittæ Reginæ Sueciæ, 1372" (*Diar. Historic., p. 111; 4to, Frankf.*, 1590). "S. Brigitta vedova claruit in Suecia et Roma, circa An. Domini 1350" (*Joh. Trittenh. Script. Eccles., p. 445*). In Il' Corso delle Stelle, p. 71, her day is Oct. 8: "S. Brigida di Svezia, vedova, principessa di Nerica, fondatrice verso il 1344, de'monaci, e monache dell'Ordine del SS Salvatore, detti *Brigidiani*." One of these days must be that of her translation. According to Polydore Vergil, the nuns of St. Bridget were not embodied so early as 1344, for that took place some time after the Swedish princess came to Rome, which was in the same year that Urban died (*l. VI, c. 4, p. 438*). Her canonization in 1391 (*Amel. Ord. Rom., p. 535*) was confirmed by the council of Constance in 1415.

**BRITIUS.**—Nov. 13: Tib. 417. This orthography is retained by the church of England. See BRICE.

**Broncheria.**—Palm Sunday.

**BRUNO.**—Oct. 7. Patriarch of the Carthusians, canonized by Leo X.—*Hosp. Fest. Christ., fo. 199 b.*

**Bules, Buræ.**—The same time as *Borde*,—*Burra*, whence the French *Bules*, was a sort of staff (*Menage, Dict. Etymol.*); but the Benedictine authors of the *Dictionnaire Roman, Walon, Céltique, &c.*, derive *les Bules* from the Latin *bulla*, which, among other things, signifies a bubble, a ball, a bowl—and *les Bures* from the verb *buire*, or *bure*, to drink, in reference to the popular indulgence in liquor at this season.

**BUONAVVENTURA.**—July 12. A cardinal and bishop, 1274, canonized by Sixtus IV (about 1471).—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ., fo. 17 b.*

**BURCARD.**—Oct. 13. An Englishman, bp. of Würzburg, 752. On the vigil of St. Burcard, the Germans make a feast upon fat geese, which they call Burcardins, for which Dresser can state no other reason, than that fat geese are now most in season—"quod hoc tempore pinguefacti anseres maturi videantur" (*De Festis Diisbus, p. 170; 8vo, Witeb. 1588*). See vol. I, p. 378—*Martinalia*.

**BYRINUS.**—See **BIRINUS.**

**BYRNSTAN, Bp.**—Nov. 4: V. 432; T. 445. See **BIRNSTAN.**

**CABEE.**—Quinquaquesima Sunday; a name corrupted in Bearne from “*Domina in Capite.*”

**CELESTUS, Pope.** Oct. 14. The date of the battle of Hastings (1066) in the *Sax. Chron.*: “*Dīr gefeoht pær ge'ven on þone dæg Cæleſtū pape.*” After Pape, the anonymous author of *Ancient Hist. Fr. and Engl.*, has the words, “*hic est 12 die Octobris,*” as part of the text; but they were added in the margin of the MS. by Joscelin, who mistook the day. This saint is otherwise called Calistus, Calixtus, and Kalixtus.

**Cæsarian Era.**—See *Epoch* and *Era.*

**CÆSARIUS.**—April 21: G. 404. “*xī kal. (Mart.) Passio Sancti Cæsarii Diaconi*” (*Kal. Arr. 826.*). The brother of Gregory Nazianzen, who died in 368.

**Calendæ.**—The first day of any month. See *Kalendæ.*

**Calendar Day.**—*Calendarium Festum.* See *Festum Stultorum.*

**Calendar Month.**—An entire month, counted from the kalends to the end: After the year 1000, writers divided the months into parts, of which the first began with the kalends or first day, and continued to the 15th, inclusive. The second part began with the 16th day, and continued to the end; but this second part of the month was sometimes counted backwards (see *Kalendæ*; *Mensis Exeuns*; *Mensis Intrans*). It therefore became a practice to specify the month intended, in formal transactions or important records, and the term calendar month signified the whole, without any division. The term is employed in the truce between Scotland and England in 1459 (*Rymer*, t. XI, p. 427). In English law, it is taken for the month of thirty-one days.—*Stat. Car. II, c. 7.*

**Calenes.**—A name of Christmas Day in Provence. It seems to be a corruption of calendes, for on this day calendar loaves were given to the priest (*vol. I, p. 110.*) Hence it would appear, if this conjecture be right, that though the sport of the calendar days took place on the 1st of January, the name of calenes was communicated in some places to the Christmas festivities generally; otherwise it seems difficult to account for these terms.

**CALESTUS, Calistus, Pope and mart.**—Oct. 14: G. 415; V. 431; T. 444. “*ix id. (Oct.) Natalis S. Calesti Episcopi.*”—*Kal. Arr. 826.*

**Calicis Natale.**—See *Natalis Calicis.*

**CALISTUS, CALIXTUS.**—Oct. 14: G. 415—and Feb. 20: G. 399. “*Graviprecio apud Hastings die Sancti Calixti*” (*Ann. de Margan.*, 1066: see *CELESTUS*). This festival appears to have been instituted in the 11th century, according to Hospinian, *fo. 16 b*, but the pope was certainly commemorated before that age.

**CALSTONE, the Pope's Day.**—Pope Celestine I, 432, April 6, is probably intended.—*Bodl. MS., Lives of Saints.*

**Cananee.**—Thursday of the first week in Lent.—*Verif. des Dates.*

**Cancer.**—The sun's entry into this sign, June 17: G. 407; V. 425; T. 440.

**Candelaria, Candelatio.**—Candlemas, or Purification of the Virgin.

**Candelcisa.**—Candlemas; from *candela*, a taper, and (?) *scindere*, to cut or di-

vide. In a letter of Philip le Bel, 1290, "Rex ipse Angliae mittet gentes suos apud Perpinianum crastino instantis Candelcisæ" (*Rymer, Fœd.*, t. I p. 727, col. 1). The following passage, from col. 2, refers to this date: "Quo crastino, videlicet, die Sabbati post festum Purificationis Beati Mariæ, dicti commissarii Regis Angliae," &c.

Candelossa.—Candlemas. *Rymer, t. I, p. 389.*

CANDIDA, Francorum Cara Domina.—Dec. 5; *Jul.*, where Galba, p. 419, has "Vera domina Anglorum Ealhswitha," and Tib., *Ialhswithe*. She appears to be the queen of Alfred, Ealhswyth, whose death is barely noticed in the *Chron. Sax.*, an. 905.

CANDIDUS and FAUSTUS—Dec. 15: G. 419. Candidus, an ecclesiastical writer mentioned by Eusebius, *L. V*, c. 27.

Candlemas.—Feb. 2. An old name of the Purification of the Virgin Mary, signifying the mass or festival of candles (see *Missa*). On can'del mærjan .III. nonaþ februaþi, is the Saxon annalist's date of king Sweyne's death, in 1014. In ancient times, this festival was celebrated with much solemnity and splendour. On St. Mary's day in February, says Bede, the people, priests and ministers, go in procession, with lighted wax tapers in their hands, singing hymns through the principal streets (*De Temp. Rat.*, c. 10; *Op. t. I*, p. 77). The tapers, in his time, were consecrated for this purpose on Christmas day, and inscribed with the year of our Lord, which commenced on that day. The consecration of the candles was performed, in the churches more obedient to Rome, on Candlemas day (*Card. Gaietan., Ordo Roman* LXXVIII, p. 343), and they were in great request, on account of the miraculous power with which devotees supposed them to be endowed (see *Benedictio Candelarum*). A curious form of the benediction is copied by Dr. Forster, from the Doctrine of the Masse Booke, 1554 (*Peren. Cal.* p. 44-6). Jacob gives the following account of the festival: "It is called Candlemas, or the mass of candles, because, before mass was said that day, the church consecrated, and set apart for sacred use, candles for the whole year, and made a procession for the hallowed candles, in remembrance of the divine light wherewith Christ illuminated the whole church at his presentation in the temple, when by old Simon styled 'a light to lighten the Gentiles, and be the glory of his people Israël' (*S. Luke, cap. ii, ver. 32*). This festival is no day in any of the courts at Westminster, wherefore the judges do not sit that day, but usually observe many ancient ceremonies; and the societies have many sumptuous entertainments thereon, with most kinds of diversions" (*Law Dict.*) Its most ancient name, the festival of the presentation, commemorates that event, but it may admit of a doubt whether Candlemas, and the festival of candles, the festival of lights, and St. Mary of the candles and lights, be not names which have been suggested by the profuseness of the illuminations on this day, and which illuminations at this season have a greater antiquity than the birth of our Saviour (see *Festum Candelarum*; *Luminarium*; *Maria Luminum*; *Præsentationis*; *Purificationis*, &c.) As to the institution of Candlemas, by whatever name it may be called, Bede attributes it to Gelasius, in the fifth century; and Baronius expressly says, that he established it as a substitute for the pagan Lupercalia (*Not. ad Martyrol. Rom.*) Dresser, from Siegerbert, says that it was instituted at Constantinople in 542 (*De Festis Diebus*, p. 27); others give the

invention to Vigilius, in 536, and others to Sergius, in 689, with the same intention of setting aside the Lupercalia. The first opinion is entitled to consideration, for in 320, soon after the practice of worshipping saints commenced, wax candles and lamps were introduced into churches, and kept constantly burning by imperial authority. Roman Catholic authors object to the notion, that it was to supersede the Lupercalia, because the latter were celebrated on the 15th of February. This objection may be just; but, at the same time, may not Baronius and the other authorities have intended the *Lucaria*, which were celebrated on the day appropriated to the *Juno Februata*, the purified, or, by another name, to Juno *Sospita*, the health-giver, all which took place on February 1? Juno was the same as Ceres, Proserpine, Cybele, Isis, and other goddesses, according to the particular attribute deified. Now Herodotus tells us, that the Egyptians introduced the use of lamps in temples—and in the festivals of Ceres, lighted torches were borne in processions in such numbers, that the sixth day of her festival was called the torch-day in Greece—*ητων λαμπαδων ημερα*, and it was also usual to dedicate torches to her. It is also a coincidence, that the Asæ, or Orientals who settled in the north of Europe, sacrificed to Frigga, whom Tacitus names "Mater Deum" (the mother of the Gods), on the first quarter of the second new moon, which would fall about this time. Besides these correspondences we may notice the titles of Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, &c. bestowed on the Virgin in common with all these goddesses. The heathen origin of the festival of the purification was no more doubted in early times, than the idolatrous nature of its ceremonies in the present age. Bede (*ib.*) admits the fact, and Mirk, about the 14th century, gives the following curious account of its origin, in the Lansdowne copy:—“Now ge schalle here how þes worschip was fvrst fowndon: when þe romaynus by grett chyualry conqueredon all þe worlde, for þey were enewe and myghty in her doyng þt þey boutg not þt god of heuen gaſt hem þt hono<sup>r</sup>, but þey madon hem diuerse goddus aftur her owne luste, and so amonge oþr þey haddon a god þt þey calledon mars, þt was before tyme a chyffe knyȝte and a ferus in baytell. Wherfore þey calledon hym god of Batilles, p'ynge besily to hym for helpe; and for þey woldon spede þe bettur þey dyddon gret worschip to his modur þt was called Februa, and aftur þis wooman, as mony men haue oppynyon þis moneth þt is nowe was called February. Wherfore þe furste day of þis moneth þt is nowe is candulmas day, þe romanys wolden go all þe nyȝt abowte þe cyte of rome wt torches and blasus brennyng in worschip of this wooman Februa, hopyng to haue for þis worschip þe rāper holpe of her son mars in her doyng: þen com þt a poone þt was calde Sergius, and when he syg criston men drawe to þis Mawmentre he þowȝ[t] to turne þe folle custome in to goddys worschip and owre laydys sent Mare, and so he cunmawndid all criston men and women to cum in þe same day to church, and yche mon to offre a condull brennyng in worschip of owre lady and of her swete son” (*Lansd. MS. 392, fo. 26<sup>b</sup> 27*). In some classical myths, Mars was the son of Jupiter and Juno—in others of Juno alone: Jupiter was Pluto, and Pluto was Februus who ravished Proserpine, whence, probably, her name of Februa, the female deity, as Februus was the male deity of the purification of women. The pagan rites are described by Ovid, *Fast.*, I. II, and in Sicily are closely imitated on this

day, when they worship Proserpine under the name of St. Agatha. The tapers form the principal part of the ceremony, and it is remarked by a traveller, quoted in the *Encyclop. Metropolit.*, that the memory of Proserpine is cherished, by kindling a blazing pine near the very spot to which the mythological legend assigned the scene of Pluto's amorous force. In a sermon on the Assumption, we find the Virgin invested at once with the titles of Juno, Proserpine, and Isis. On her ascent into Heaven, our Lord, it is said, "coronet hur quene of heuen, and emperas of helle, and lady of alle the worlde" (*Claud. A. II, fo. 92 b.*) Several names of the second of February will be found under *Festum Hypapantis*.

*Caniculares Diae*.—See *Dies Caniculares*.

*Canite, or Canite Tuba*.—The fourth Sunday in Advent, from the lesson of that day (*Div. Off.*, v. I, p. 139): "Dominica qua cantatur Canite Tuba" (*Cardinal Cincio de Sabellis, Ord. Rom.* p. 167). See *Dominica de Canite Tuba*.

*Cantare*.—*To sing* (in the mass for the dead); but the word is used as a substantive, and signifies an Anniversary Day.

*Cantate, or Cantate Domino*.—Introit from Ps. 98: "Cantate Domino canticum novum," and name of the fourth Sunday after Easter. In a letter of the bp. of Angers, 1316, "Die Veneris post dominicam qua cantatur Cantate, in nostro generali capitulo" (Friday, May 14)—in others, "Die Jovis post Cantate; Die Sabbati post Cantate," &c. (*Guil. Majoris Gesta*, c. 49; *D'Achery, Spicil. t. x.*, p. 286). In a charter of William Henry, duke of Brunswick, "After God's birth fourteen hundred years, thereafter in the seven and twentieth year, on the Thursday after the Sunday Cantate": Na Godes bort verteyn hundert iar, darna in deme seuen vnde twintigestan iare am donirstage na dem Sundage Cantate" (Thursday, May 15, 1427) *Baring. Clavis Dipl.*, L. p. 524. There is a similar date, *D. cvii*, p. 284.

*Cantus*.—The crowing of the cock, and, perhaps, other sounds emitted by birds, have marked a division of the day from the time of the apostles—also the time of singing a morning hymn. In the institutes of a convent of ladies, at Erfort in Upper Thuringia—"Ad cantum dominarum quem cantant ad Nativitatem in refectorio dabit abbatissa .i. urnam cum vino .vii. epiens propin. Ad cantum ante Pasche, et in die Pasche, et beate Pusinne, in eadem quantitate" (*Baring. Clav. Diplom.*, III, p. 482: see *Hours, Canonical*). More usually another word is added—"Nocte post pullorum cantum" (*Josephi Sacerd. Hist.. Transl. S. Ragnobert et Zenon.*, c. 2; *D'Achery, Spicil.*, t. II, p. 127, ed. fol.) See *Aelectropheone*; *Cook-crow*; *Gallionantun*, &c.

*Capitilavium, Capitulavium*.—Palm Sunday, from *caput*, the head, and *lavare*, to wash, because, on this day, the heads of those who were to be baptized on the following Sunday were washed, in order to remove the dirt which they might have contracted during Lent when baths and ablutions were prohibited (*Durand. de Ration. Temp.*, l. VI, c. 76). According to Hospinian, "*Capitulavium*" is the name of *Cœna Domini*, or Maundy Thursday, in some places (*Fest. Christ.*, fo. 56). The custom of washing the head on this occasion was practised in the primitive church.—*Augustin., Epist. 18*.

*CAPRASIUS*.—Oct. 20: G. 416. Caprais, mart. 287. Another, an abbot, 430, June 1.

**Capricornus.**—Sun's entry into Capricorn, Dec. 18 : G. 420 ; V. 433 ; T. 440.  
See *Signa Mensium*.

**Caput Anni.**—The beginning of the year, New Year's Day, which varied in different countries, and, in the same, at different periods, as Dec. 25, March 1 and 25, and Easter Day, have each been the Caput Anni. In a charter of Pope Sergius, an. 1002, quoted by Du Cange, the term is used in a general sense: "Si mors in capite anni evenerit." The Italians still designate New Year's Day *Il Capo d'Anno*; but the French, like the Anglo-Saxons, call it the Year's Day—*le jour de l'an*.

**Caput Annorum.**—The end or completion of a period of years, as "usque ad caput sex annorum."

**Caput Iduum.**—See *Caput Kalendarum*.

**Caput Jejunii.**—Jour des Cendres, Ash Wednesday. Ælfric, in a homily preached on this day, says, "In the present week, on a Wednesday, as you yourselves know, is the Caput Jejunii, that is in English, the head of the Lenten Fast: On þýrfe yucan. on þeƿnerðæg. ƿpa ƿpa ge rylfe ƿiten. ƿf Caput Iejunii. ƿf ƿr on Englisc. heaƿd lencenes ƿæteneſ (MS. *Julius*, E. VII, fo. 61 b.) In St. Æthelwold's Benedictional, the same day is called "Initium Quadragesimæ; but in the Ambrosian Missal, Quadragesima Sunday, or the first Sunday in Lent, is the Caput Jejunii. The beginning of this fast was not always the same (see *Lent*). Caput Jejunii often occurs as a date: in the convention between Alfonso IV of Castile and Sancho VII of Navarre, referring their dispute to the King of England, on Ash Wednesday, 1214: "Et ad hoc nuncii utriusque reges sint ad præsentiam regis Anglie in prima die præsentis Quadragesimæ, quæ est caput jejunii, ad hoc judicium recipiendum" (*Joh. Brompton, Chron. col. 1121*): "Ad caput jejunii" (*Roger de Hoveden, P. li, p. 528*): "In capite jejunii" (*Hist. Norm. Script.*, p. 997). A charter, in 1372, names Thursday at the head of the fast, thus, "Feria quinta in capite jejunii" (*Baring. Clav. Dipl.*, XLIV, p. 518). As a fast, this day was very strictly observed in some monasteries (*Udalric. Antiq. Constit. Cluniac.*, I. V, c. 5). By the institutes of Erfort, the abbess was to give the ladies eight shillings, to purchase herrings on Ash Wednesday: "In capite jejunii abbatissa dabit dominabus .viii. solidos ad allecia emenda.—*Baring.*, III, p. 482.

**Caput Kalendarum, Caput Nonarum, Caput Iduum.**—The French chronologists state that the *dies Kalendarum*, or *Kalendarum*, is commonly the first day of the month preceding, on which we begin to reckon by the kalends of the following month; and they quote an example, in which "Die Kalendarum Septembria" does not signify the 1st of September, but "in capite kalendarum Septembria," that is to say, *xix kal. Sept.*, or August 14, which is the first day of this month on which we begin to count the kalends of Sept. (see *Kalendæ*). It is usually understood by our legal antiquaries, that the folcmote assembled annually the first of May, because a law of Edward the Confessor, *De Greve*, c. 35, appoints the folcmote once a year "scilicet, in capite kal. Maii" (*Wilkins, Leges Saxon.*, p. 204, col. 2). But if these words are to be understood in the same manner as the preceding example, it is evident that they did not meet on the 1st of May, but on the 14th of April, where the kalends of May are first mentioned in the kalendar. Spelman gives an account of this popular assembly, which Jacob understands to

be this—“The Folcmote was a sort of annual parliament, or convention of the bishops, thanes, aldermen and freemen, on every May Day;” but Spelman merely states, in the place referred to, that the time of meeting was indicated by the law (*Gloss.*, v. *Folcmote*, p. 236); and in explaining the *Gemote*, p. 261, he says it took place “*sub initio Calendarum Maii*,” which is no more than changing one word for another, of precisely the same import, and leaves it unsettled whether the Saxon lawyer spoke of April 14 or May 1. That the latter was the day intended, is rendered probable by a passage in Bede, where he states that the festival of All Saints was appointed to be held “*in capite calendarum Novemboris*,” the first of November (see *Festiv. Omnium Sanctorum*). Du Cange understands it to have been the first day of the month.—*Gloss.*, t. II, c. 122.

*Caput Nonarum*—See *Caput Kalendarum*.

*Caput Quadragesimæ*.—The same as *Caput Jejunii*, except in the Ambrosian Missal, and Gallic Liturgy, where it is the first Sunday in Lent: “*Ab octavis Nativitatis beate Mariæ, omni hyeme, usque ad caput quadragesimæ*” (*Mat. Par. in Vitis*, p. 65). Gregory, about 590, on reducing the number of Lenten days, decreed that the fourth feria, or Wednesday, should be the “*Caput Quadragesimæ*”—*Pol. Verg.*, l. VI, c. 3, p. 360-1.

*Caput Quadragesimæ*.—Formerly the first Sunday in Lent. See the preceding.—*Menard. Not. in Sacram. Gallic.*, p. 52.

*Cara Cognatio*.—See *Festum S. Petri Epularum*.

*Caramantrant*, *Caramentrant*.—Shrove Tuesday.

*Caramentannus*, *Caramentrانum*.—Shrove Tuesday.

*Caremprenium*, *Caremprunium*.—Shrove Tuesday.

*Carena*, *Carina*.—A corruption of *quadragena*—forty, applied to the lent of 40 days.

*Care*, *Carle*, *Carling* Sunday.—The fifth Sunday in Lent.

*CARILELPHUS*.—July 1 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 37). See *KARILELFUS*.

*Carismata Dia*.—The day of Grace, Whitsunday. This occurs in some verses on the times of fasts and festivals, at the end of the Constitutions of the Synod of Worcester, in 1240, apud *Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 259. See *Charismatis Dies*.

*CARISSA*.—April 15, with Felix : G. 403,

*Caristia*.—Feb. 22. See *Festum S. Petri Epularum*.

*Carnaval*.—The interval from the Purification to the beginning of Lent. See *Carneval*.

*Carnelevanamen*.—The same, from *Dies ad Carnem levandam*.

*Carneval*, *Carnevale*.—The days between Candlemas and Lent. Some Italian writers derive this name from *caro*, flesh, and *vale*, farewell; but in this case the word would be caraval. Du Cange proposes *carn-a-val*, “*quod sonat, caro abscedit*”—*Gloss.*, t. II, c. 336.

*Carnibrevium*.—Shrove Tuesday. Wilhelm Wyrcester dates the second battle of St. Albans, which was fought Feb. 14, 1461, “*in die Carnibrevii, scil. Februarii*” (*Lib. Nigr. Scacc.* II, 486) If not a corruption of the more usual name, *Carniprivium*, it is a compound of *caro* and *brevis*.

*Carnicapium*.—Shrove Tuesday; from *caro*, flesh, and *capere*, to take.

*Carniplavium*.—Probably a corruption of *Carniprivium*.—*Du Cange*, t. II, col. 338.

**Carniprium, Carniprivium, Carnisprivium.**—Sometimes the first days in Lent—“Et cum carnisprivij tempus aduenisset,” says Matt. Paris, speaking of the king’s demand of 8,000 marks from the Jews, in 1255, p. 606. Sometimes it is Septuagesima Sunday, and sometimes the Sunday following: “Notandum est festum B. Lucie hic adjunctum habere Italice *charthar*; quia tunc maxime carnea solent deponi, quemadmodum secunda dominica Septuagesimæ dicitur vulgo *Carnisprivium*” (*Belet. de Div. Off. c. 65*). Gervase of Tilbury speaks of Carniprivium as the commencement of Sexagesima week (*P. iii, c. 122*). The term (from *caro*, flesh, and *privare*, to take away) denotes that Sunday on which abstinence from flesh commenced, on which account Quinquagesima Sunday is called *Dominica ad carnes levandas*, or *tollendas*, in the Mozarabic Missal, p. 86; and, as the prohibitory canon was more strictly observed by ecclesiastics, the first day of abstinence obtained the name of *Carniprivium*, and *Carniprivium Sacerdotum*, “scilicet dominica, quo mos est sacerdotibus caput quadragesimalis jejunii est carnium prævenire” (*Gul. Neubrig., l. V, c. 10*). It was not so strictly observed in some conventional establishments: at Erfort the abbess might send, to the ladies only, a large tray of dishes, containing eight of stuffed capons, called wolf’s chickens—“In Carniprivo mittetur dominabus tantum ab abbatissa una magna scutella cuilibet .viii. ferula, continens impletos pullos .xvi. qui dicuntur *Wolfhinken*” (*Baring., Clav. Dipl., III, p. 481*). The revels of the German clergy on this Sunday, procured it the name of “*Der Herren Fassnacht*” (see *Fastmas*). In Denmark it was named *Fleske Sontag* (*Ol. Worm., Fast. Dan., p. 72*), that is *Flesh Sunday*, perhaps because it was with them the best day of eating flesh.

**Carnisprivium Novum**—Quinquagesima Sunday. See *Dominica ad Carnes levandas*.

**Carnisprivium Vetus.**—Quadragesima, the first Sunday in Lent. In the Latin church, previous to the ninth century, abstinence from flesh began only on the first Sunday in Lent, and they did not fast as at present on the four last days of Quinquagesima week.

**Carnisprivia, inter duo**—The days of Quinquagesima week.

**Carnivora**—Shrove Tuesday; from *caro*, flesh, and *rorare*, to eat.

**Carnoval, Carnovale.**—See *Carnaval*.

**Carrena, Carrina.** See *Carena*.

**CASSIAN.**—Dec. 2—a martyr in Mauritania (*Hospin., fo. 152 b.*); Dec. 3 (*Pet. de Nat., l. I, c. 22*). See *KASIAN*.

**CATERINE,** *Virg. Mart.*—Nov. 25: V. 432—suffered in 307. Dresser attributes the origin of her festival to the Roman celebration of Pallas (*De Fest. Dieb., p. 44*; see *GREGORY*). There were also—1, of Sienna, canonized 1461, Apr. 30—2, of Sweden, abbess, 1381, March 22 or 24—3, of Bologna, 1463, March 9—4, of Genoa, 1510, Sept. 14—5, of Ricci, 1589, Feb. 13.

**Cathedra S. PETRI Apostoli**—Feb. 22: V. 423; T. 436; E. 450. This feast is not noticed in *Galba*, and the name of the apostle alone occurs in *Ludl.*, 462. This is the festival of St. Peter’s chair, at Antioch; another festival of the same name, is that of St. Peter’s chair at Rome, Jan. 28. The matter seems to be thus—the February festival, of which the object was to supersede a pagan rite, is the original; but some churches, by way of wiping off the memory of its connexion with heathenism (see *Festum S. Petri Epup-*

*lorum*), removed it to January, and in the very ancient kalendar of the monastery of St. Cyriac, and in the Gallic kalendar, St. Peter's chair at Antioch occupied Jan. 17 (*Iter Ital.*, I, 157; *Sacr. Gallic.*, 300). It was anciently a custom, that a bishop should solemnly hold that day on which his *cathedra* or church was founded. As Peter was the first to promulgate the Gospel, he is said to have founded the church; hence this festival supplanted that which had been called St. Peter's banquet—"S. Petri Epulse." As he is said to have first taught at Antioch (*P. de Nat.*, III, 140), in some old kalendars the feast is called "Festum Cathedrae Antiochæ." Afterwards, when the silly fable was invented, that the Roman church was founded by St. Peter, that name was changed to "Festum Cathedrae S. Petri Romæ" by Paul IV, in 1555.—*Bellarmin. de Rom. Pont.*, l. II, c. 6.

**CEADDA, Bp.**—March 2: V. 424; T. 437. "Ceaddan" is the Saxon genitive case, and the line in each of these kalendars was read by the author of the Durham kalendar, p. 451, with the Latin genitive, "Festum Sancti Ceaddæ," or "Cedde episcopi." In 673 he was bishop of Lichfield, where he lies buried (*Anc. Hist. Fr. and Engl.* p. 247). He is commonly called St. Chad, and his day was made a double festival in 1415.—*Spelm. Conc.*, t. II, p. 669.

**CECILIA, V. M.**—Nov. 22: G. 418; V. 432; T. 445; E. 459; L. 471.

**CEDDA**—See **CEADDA**.

**CELESTINUS**.—May 20; the fifth pope of that name, 1313 (*Hospin.*, *Fest. Christ.*, fo. 86). Instituted by Clement V.—*Ib. fo. 17 b.*

**Cena Domini**.—The *Lord's Supper* gives its name to Holy Thursday, before Easter: *Cena domini. þ iſ ſe Ðunneſt dæg toþpon ēaſtpon* (*Chron. Sax.* 1106). See *Cæna Domini*.

**Ceneres**.—Aah Wednesday; apparently from the Italian *Ceneri*, i. *Cineres*.

**CENO**.—July 9: Jul. 409.

**Century**.—In dates by the number of the century, without specifying the particular year, it is to be noticed that the French writers denominate the century from the first figures, not the next in order, as we do" (*Fosbrooke, Brit. Monach.* p. 348). I have never met with an instance of this chronological inaccuracy, but do not dispute that it may be found. In order to abridge dates, the centuries were sometimes omitted, as observed *v. I*, p. 35. Thus, the agreement between John, duke of Normandy, and the Normans, by which they bound themselves to accompany him to England with 40,000 men, in order to effect a second conquest, is dated (as published by Rymer) from the wood of Valenciennes, March 28, in the year 38, instead of 1338. Instances of this kind are to be found in the 16th and 17th centuries; Sal-muth, quoting Augustin Steuchius, writes—"De Donation. Constantini, Edit. Lugduni, An. 47" (*Comment. in Panciroll.*, lib. II, tit. ii, p. 72). The year is 1547, but was probably printed as above.

**CESCILLE**.—Nov. 22: L. 471. See **CECILIA**.

**CESSARIUS**.—April 21: Jul. 404. See **CÆSARIUS**.

**Cetembre**.—September. In an old French charter, "Le moys de Cetembre."

**CHADDE, Bp.**—March 2: L. 463. See **CEADDA**.

**Chananea**.—See *Dominica Chananeæ*.

**Chandeuse**.—Candlemas Day; a Fr. name, from *Candelossa*.

**Chandelor, Chandelour**.—The same, from *Candelaria* (*Rymer, Fad. t. I*, p. i,

p. 360). "Don à Paris, lendemain de la Chandelour, en l'an de nostre Seigneur, 1293."—*Ibid.*, t. I, p. ii, p. 794.

Chare Thursday, The day before Good Friday, which the Germans call *Char. Freytag*, the Friday of preparation, or of lamentation, as differently explained by native philologists (see vol. I, p. 178). The English name of the Thursday, is said to be a corruption of *Shere Thursday*.

Charismatis Dies.—The day of grace—Pentecost, from the use of the chrism, or consecrated oil in baptism.

CHARLEMAGNE.—Jan. 28: "Miraculorum gloria claruit!" (*P. de Nat.*, XI, 94), 814; canonized about the 12th century.—*Hospi.*, fo. 17 b.

Chasse Mars.—The Annunciation, in a French title of the Virgin: "Notre dame de Chasse Mars," which appears to mean (*chasse* being a sort of chest containing sacred bones) Our Lady of the relics in March.

Chaste Week.—The first week in Lent; the Saxons called it *cyr puca*, which Schilter deduces from *kuisch*, chaste. Ælfric, in a sermon on Ash Wednesday, mentions the miserable death of a man, who declared that he would disregard the ecclesiastical prohibitions of seasons—he *polde his piceþ bñucan on þam unalýþeþum tñman* (*MS. Jul.*, E. VII, fo. 62 b.). The observance of chastity during this week, which mostly falls in April, is probably to be traced to the abstinence of the priests of Ceres during the eight days of the Cerealia, which began on the 9th April. The same strictness was observed by the primitive Christians in Passion Week. See *Hebdomada Magna*.

Chaundelure.—Candlemas; a variation of *Chandelor*, &c. In the letters of the mayor of Lovaygne and Brussels, 1278—"Checun an la quatre partie à la Chaundelur à Louandr'."—*Rymer Fæd.*, t. II, p. ii, p. 554.

Cheretismus.—The Annunciation, from the Greek *χαρητωμας, salutation*.

Childermas Day.—The day of the holy children, commonly called the Holy Innocents, Dec. 28. A manuscript homily of the 15th century, "De die Sc'orum Innocencium," has the following explanatory passage—"Worshipfulle Frendis, such a day shall be the Fest of Innocents; that day is callid in Englische Tonge Childrenmasday, for the multitude of childre that were slayne for Goddes cause and Cristis sake" (*Harl. Coll.*, 2247, fo. 20). The English name is of some antiquity: the Saxon Chronicle in 963 says—Wulstan, the deacon, died on *Cil'vea mærre dæge* (on the Children's Mass-day). The same date is given to the foundation of St. Peter's Westminster, by Edward the Confessor, in 1065. In the MS. Stacyonis of Rome, Childermas Day appears to have been rich in pardons, 4,000 years being remitted to worshippers on this day:

"On Chyldermasse day yn Cristemassee,  
Is iiiij m" ger the more γ lasse."

*Calig., A. II, fo. 81 b. col. 2.*

CHRISOGONUS, M.—Nov. 24: *Jul.* 418. V. and T. have *Crisogonus*, the orthography of the Saxon Menol., *Jul.*, A. X: *S'ci Crisogoneγ týð γ ðnopung* (the day and passion of St. Crisogonus). The other kalendars, G and E, have *Grisogonus* and *Krisogonus*. Chrysogonus is said to have been a priest and martyr under Dioclesian.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. X, c. 101.

Christenmesse, Christis Masse, Christmas. The birth of our Lord has been variously assigned to the years 748, 749, 750 and 751, from the foundation

of Rome (see *Years of Christ*). The same uncertainty prevails respecting the day and month, on both which, Scriptures, our only authority, are profoundly silent. Many, from the time of Clement of Alexandria, maintain that he was born in the Spring; and Paul, bishop of Middleburgh, fixes the day on the 25th of March, exactly at the time of the vernal equinox, but the reason assigned is based on a vague hypothesis. Beroaldus, who has many followers, says that he was born in Autumn; and J. Harduin fixes on September, about the time of the Autumnal equinox. Another class maintain that he was born on the 6th of January, which is now the Epiphany; and Cassian says that the Egyptians celebrated the Nativity on this day (*Proem. ad Theophil., Collat. 10*: see *Epiphany*). According to the vulgar opinion, which was generally received in the time of Theophilus, bishop of Cesaria in the reigns of Commodus and Severus, he was born on Dec. 25; and Victorinus Pictavensis affirms that, in the third century, the Nativity was celebrated about the winter solstice. This custom was retained and confirmed by the councils of Basil and Florence, and, consequently, adopted by the compilers of martyrologies, breviaries, diaries, and kalendars. Polydore Vergil, without any notice of the day of the Nativity, places the festival among those which originated with the apostles (*I. VI, c. 8, p. 347*). Theophilus of Antioch, in 170, mentions it in his Paschal Epistle, as quoted by Nicephorus (*Hist. Eccles., l. VII, c. 5*); and L'Estrange mentions the sermon on the Nativity by Gregory Nazianzen, in the fourth century. The progress of the English name, from the Saxon to the present appellation, is nearly as above: at first midwinter, the appellation of the 25th of December as the solstitial, though referring to the pagan rites of Yule, was used indifferently with Cristes mæsse dæg (Christ's Mass-day). In the Chronicle, it constantly occurs up to the year 973, when it is mentioned in a poetical specification of the date, as the Nativity: "And then were passed ten hundred winters from the birth-time of the illustrious king, the guardian of light."

"The third day of Aduent, bifor Cristismesse."

*Robert of Brunne, p. 103.*

"At Cristenmasse merry may ye dance."

*Chaucer, Man of Law's Tale, p. 26.*

"On Cristemassey," 1450.—*Paston Letters, v. III, p. 154.*

CHRISTIANA.—July 26, patroness of Dendermond. *Translation*, Sept. 7, in 9th century (*Brit. Sanct.*, p. 11, p. 39). Another, sister of St. Margaret of Scotland, Dec. 5.—*Lib. cit.*, p. 310.

CHRISTINA.—July 17: G. 410. A virgin mart. of this name is commemorated July 24 (*Jac. de Vorag. Leg. 93; Hospin.*, fo. 122). See CRISTINA.

CHRISTI templo deductio.—Feb. 2: G. 399. See Hypapanti.

CHRISTOPHER & CUCUPACIUS.—July 25: E. 455—with James the apostle, V. 428; T 441.—*Hospin.*, *Fest. Christ.*, fo. 122 b.

CHRISTUS docens.—See Dominica de Christo docente.

CHRYSANTHUS & DARIA.—Dec. 1. See CRISANTUS.

Chum Supper.—Probably Churn Supper. See v. I, p. 343.

Church Halyday, Church Holiday.—The festival of the dedication of a church

to a patron saint. An ancient homily—"In die Dedicationis," begins thus—"Good mene and womene, suche a daye, N. ye schul haue youre churche Halidaye" (*Harl. MS.*, 2403, *fo.* 175 *b.*) This is the English name of the Latin *Dedicationis*, or *Consecrationis Ecclesiae dies*, for the word church is the Sax. cýpuce, and signifies the place of the elect or chosen; and *holiday*, or rather halyday, is from the verb *haligan*, to consecrate, and *ðæg*, a day. For the strictness with which this day was originally observed, and the licentiousness which succeeded, see *vol. I*, *p.* 352-6. The following instructions to a confessor, are copied from John Mirk's translation of *Pars Oculi*, and are some of the questions which the priest is to put to the penitent, as to his manner of observing this solemn festival, in the 13th or 14th century :

" Hast þow holden þyn halyday,  
 And spend hyt wel to goddes pay ?  
 Hast þow i-gon to chyrc he fayn,  
 To serue god wþ alle þy mayn ?  
 Hast þ<sup>e</sup> any werke þ<sup>e</sup> day i-wrogt,  
 Or synned sore in dede or þogt ?  
 Be þenke þe wel, sone, and rede  
 Of þy synne and þy mysdede,  
 For schotynge, for wrastelynge, and oþer play,  
 For goyng to þe ale on halyday,  
 For syngynge, for rotyngne, and syche fare,  
 þat ofte þe sowle doth myche care.  
 þe halyday only ordeynet was  
 To here goddes sernes and þe mas,  
 And spene þat day in holynes,  
 And leue alle oþar bysenes ;  
 For apon þe werkeday  
 Men may be bysy in vche way,  
 So that for here occupacyon  
 þey leve myche of here deuocyon ;  
 þer fore þey schule here halyday  
 Spene only god to pay ;  
 And gef þey do any oþer þynge  
 þen serue god by here cunnyngne  
 þen þey brekeþ goddes lay,  
 And holdeth not here haliday."

*Cott. MS. Claud. A. II, fo. 138 b.*

**Cineralia, Cineres, Cinerum Dies or Festum.—Ash Wednesday.** There is a homily on this day by Maximus Taurinensis, about 430, if he wrote the titles of his homilies. The English and the Latin names are taken from the consecrated ashes, which on this day were laid on the heads, at first of the penitent, but, in after times, of all the faithful, according to a MS. quoted by Du Cange : "Cineres qui in capite jejunii fratrum olim penitentium, hodie fidelium omnium imponuntur" (*Gloss. t. II*, *c.* 621); the same reason is given by Bede (*Serm. Varii, Oper., t. VII*, *p.* 503). This custom, which prevailed among the Jews (*Jerem.*, *c.* 25), appears to have been adopted by

Gregory in 590, when he reduced the fast of Lent to forty days. The ashes were then consecrated before mass, and the priest laid them upon the heads of each of the people, saying—Remember, man, that dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt: and hence, adds Polydore Vergil, (*I. VI, c. 3, p. 361*), this Wednesday was called the *day of ashes*. The custom could not have been known in England before the year 640 (see *Lent*). A Saxon homily on Ash Wednesday, by *Ælfric*, gives an account of it, which nearly agrees with the preceding :—On the Wednesday, wide through the earth the priests bless, as it is appointed, the pure ashes, and afterwards lay them upon men's heads, that they have in mind that they came of earth, and again will turn to dust (*MS. Jul., E. VII, fo. 62*). A formula of the consecration is found in the Benedictional of Abp. Robert, at Rouen (*Archæol.*, xxiv, 119). At Rome, if the pope should be in the city “in die cinerum” (on Ash Wednesday), all the clergy were to proceed to the cathedral, and, “before our Lord arrives, ashes are made of the palms of the preceding year, and consecrated by the junior cardinals, clad in albis” (*Amel. Ordo Rom.*, xxxvi, 466). Court rolls of the time of King John have these dates—“Dominica ante Cineres,” and “Dominica post cineres,” although those Sundays have their proper names (*Rot. Curiae Regis*, p. 155). A charter of 1290 is “Datum die post Cineres.”—*Guil. Majoris Gest. c. VII, p. 259.*

**CINNUS, Passion of.**—July 19 : Jul. 410.

**CIPRIAN, Bp. & M., and JUSTINA, V. M.**—Sept. 26 : E. 457. This was Cyprian the magician, who was martyred with Justina in 304.

**CIPRIAN.**—Sept. 14, with Cornelius : V. 430 ; T. 443 ; E. 457. Cyprian, bp. of Carthage, mart. 258, or, according to Baronius, 261. There were also—1, Bp. of Toulonne, before 549—2, of Sabaran, abbot, 580, Dec. 9.

**Circumcisio Agni.**—Jan. 1 : G., Jul., Tib., 397. Any of these MSS. corrects the mistake of Mr. L'Estrange, who says that the Circumcision was not mentioned as a festival before 1090. See *Festum Dominice Circumcisionis*.

**Circumdederunt me.**—Introit from Psalm 17, and name of Septuagesima Sunday.

**CIRIAC & Companions, Martyrs.**—March 16 : V. 424.

**CIRICUS, & JULITTA his mother.**—June 16 : V. 427 ; E. 454. He is otherwise called Cyr, Cyriac, and Quirius. The Menol. Sax. at July 15, has Cyric, and Julitta his mother; and this is according to the Greek church. The Chron. Sax., an. 916, has the same day as the kalendars, xvi kal. Julij : Ðý iæcan dægæ pær Ciriicius t' id pær þnopenær m' id hir zefrum (the same day was the festival of St. Ciricius, the martyr, with his companions). St. Cyr, Julitta, and perhaps others, were martyred, 305.

**CLARA.**—Aug. 12. Canonized by Alexander IV, 1255.—*Hosp., Fest. Christ., fo. 17 b.* **CLARUS, m.** Nov. 4.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. II, p. 248.

**Clausum Alleluia.** See *Alleluia*; *Alleluie Clost.*

**Clausum Pascha, Clausum Paschæ.**—The *close of Easter* is a name commonly given to the Sunday after Easter, which is its octave, and closes the festival : “In octavis Paschæ, quod vulgariter Clausum Paschæ nuncupatur” (*Matt. Westm.*, 1240). We call this Sunday *Low Sunday*—thus Twysden : “Dominica in Albis, sive dominica post Pascha, nobis *Low Sunday*. Sic autem dicta (Clausum Paschæ) quod Pascha claudat, et festi solennis

finem ponat, Claudere, ut et finire, nobis *to close*: finis, *the close*." L'Estrange considers the eve of Low Sunday the close of Easter—and if he had said evening he would have been right; but the Eve is the day before a festival or octave (*Alliance of Divine Offices*, p. 155). The Sunday after Low Sunday, or the close of Easter, is called *Dominica prima post Clavum Paschæ*; the next, *Dominica secunda*, and so on.

**Claves.**—*Keys* are variable numbers, given in ecclesiastical computations, to find the beginning of the five moveable feasts; and hence, in many ancient kalendars, the places of these keys are marked: thus, in the kalendar of the Portiforium Sarisb., ed. 1520, the key to Septuagesima is placed at Jan. 7: "vii id. Jan. Clavis Septuagesima;" that of the first Sunday in Lent, Jan. 28, "v. kal. Feb. Clavis Quadragesima;" that of Easter, March 11, "v. id. Mar., Clavis Pascha;" that of Rogation Sunday, April 15, "xvii kal. Maii, Clavis Rogationum;" and that of Whitsunday, April 29, "iii kal. Maii, Claves Pentecostes." In the *Computus*, the keys are placed over their respective Golden Numbers in the following order:

*"Claves Festorum Mobilium."*

26	15	34	23	12	31	20	39	28	17	36	25	14	33	22
i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	x	xi	xii	xiii	xiv	xv
11		30		19		38								
xvi	xvii	xviii	xix											

"xvi xvii xviii xix."

The manner of using them is this:—Having the Golden Number of the year in which it is required to find the commencement of any of these feasts, look for the figure over it in the table; and then, referring to the place of the key in the kalendar, count from it the same number of days—where that number terminates, the Sunday following will be the feast sought. In leap years, 1 is to be added to the key of Septuagesima and Quadragesima; and, if the latter should be found by this means to fall on or after Feb 24, a day is to be subtracted. For instance, a truce was made in 1174, to continue from the feast of St. Hillary to the Clavum Paschæ, or Low Sunday (*Joh. Bront.*, 1080, 1166). If the day of the month on which the truce terminated be required, we must first find the Easter Day of that year. The Golden Number of 1174 is *xvi*, and the key in the tables is *11*: by counting 11 days in the kalendar, beginning at March 11, the place of the Easter key, we shall come to March 21, from which the nearest Sunday, F being the Dominical Letter, is March 24—and, consequently, March 31 is Low Sunday, the end of the truce between England and France in 1174.

**Clavi Domini.**—See *Festum Lanceæ Christi*.

**Clean Lent.**—The great fast of forty days in Spring, called *Quadragesima* by the Latins, seems to have been thus termed, to distinguish it from the *Quadragesima* of Pentecost and the *Quadragesima* of Advent, each of which, in the time of Bede, consisted also of forty days, and each called Lent by our ancestors:—þer geaplica ymbryne ur gebryngð efen nu þa clenan trid lengteniceſſe fæſteneſſe (*Cott. MS. Faust. A. IX.*, fo. 54). See *Lent*. **Cleansing Days.**—The four days before the first Sunday in Lent. See *Clene Lent*.

Cleansing Week.—The week before Quadragesima Sunday, or the first in Lent.

Cleene Lentone.—In the Harl. MS., 2371, there are three homilies for the the “secunde,” thridde,” and “fourth Sonne-daye in cleene lentone” respectively. See *Clean Lent*.

**CLEMENT.**—Nov. 23; G. 418. Bp. and Mart.: V. 432 Pope and Mart.: T. 445; E. 459; L. 471. Clement I. suffered in 91 (*Martyrol. Rom.*, p. 366). The *Dedication* of his church, July 22. There were also—1, of Ancyra, Jan. 23—2, Feb. 19: G. 399—3, Sept. 8: G. 414—4, of Alexandria, 189, Dec. 4.

**CLEMENTIN.**—Nov. 14: G. 417.

Clene Lent, Clen Lenton, Clen Lentun, Clen Lentyne.—“ And on Monday next comynge y<sup>t</sup> is to sey y<sup>e</sup> fyrist Monday of clene lent, hyr moder and sche wyl goo to y<sup>e</sup> pardon at Shene,” A. D. 1468 (*Paston Letters*, v. 1, p. 298). “ Wrete at Norwiche, the ij. Munday of Clene Lente” (*Ibid.*, v. IV, p. 74): “ Writtin in hast, ye Wednesday in ye fyrist week of Clen Lenton” (*Ibid.*, v. III, p. 82): “ Goode men and wymene, þis is þe secunde Sunday in clene Lent” (*MS. homil. in “Dominica secunda Quadragesima,” Harl. Coll.*, 2403, fo. 60): “ Goode men and wymene, þis is þe thirde Sunday in Lenton” (*Ib.*, fo. 63 b.). In a manuscript tract on the festivals, written at an early part of the fourteenth century, we have the following passage in explanation of these terms, immediately after “Septungesima”:

“ Lente comeþ þ<sup>r</sup> afterward. þ<sup>t</sup> sex woukes lasteþ.  
 þ<sup>t</sup> hor senne þer to bete. alle cristene me fasteþ.  
 For rīgt hit is þ<sup>t</sup> cristene me hor tendyng do.  
 Of hor fruygt þorou out þe ger  $\gamma$  of hor owen flesch also.  
 $\gamma$  þ<sup>t</sup> hi tendy also to god. þe dawes of þe ger.  
 For to hote hor leþ<sup>r</sup> sinne þ<sup>t</sup> hi wroughte er.  
 Now þe þis þre hondreþ dawes  $\gamma$  sixti in þe gere.  
 $\gamma$  fif þ<sup>r</sup> to wit oute mo. bote hit bisext be.  
 $\gamma$  þe tendyng of alle þe dawes ho so wole rīgt wende  
 Wole be six  $\gamma$  þrigti dawes  $\gamma$  fif billeueþ atten ende.  
 Nym þilk sex  $\gamma$  þrigti daues  $\gamma$  fif þo þ<sup>r</sup> to  
 þ<sup>t</sup> beþ he foure *clansing daues*  $\gamma$  þe Sondai also.  
 $\gamma$  gif þe clansing daues  $\gamma$  þe oþ<sup>r</sup> alle togaþ<sup>r</sup> beþ  
 þan habbe ge clanlich all gōre lente as ge now iseþ.  
 Now þe þ<sup>r</sup> to  $\gamma$  fourti dawes in six woukes i-wis  
 $\gamma$  so moche for to esterdai rīgte *clene lente* is.  
 Ac do awei six Sondaies  $\gamma$  þanne billeueþ þere  
 Euen six  $\gamma$  þrigti daies þe tendyng of þe gere.  
 Nym þan four clansing daies  $\gamma$  fast also þ<sup>r</sup> to,  
 þan hast on euen fourti daies whan hi beþ þ<sup>r</sup> to.  
 $\gamma$  so moche ouer þe rīgt teþe þr to we mote caste,  
 For ensample of oure lord þ<sup>t</sup> fourti daies faste,  
 $\gamma$  for ensample of Moise and Elie þe prophete.  
 þ<sup>r</sup> faste bore fourti daies  $\gamma$  no maner mete ne ete  
 $\gamma$  boþe hi hadde har mede sone  $\gamma$  merit ynow  
 For a carte of golde ligte adoun  $\gamma$  Elie vp drow  
 To þe ioie of erlich paradis as mani ma isai.”

*Julius, D. IX, fo. 49 b.*

The following passage is found in the Festiall of Englysshe Sermones : “ *In Dominica secunda Quadragesime* —Goode men and women, þis is the seconde Sonday in clene Lenton. Wherfore as ye haue be bysy all þis gere before to make yow cleyne and honeste w<sup>t</sup> owte forth in body, so schalle ge be as byse to clanse yow w<sup>t</sup> in forthe in sowle, for þat is goddes wyll þ<sup>t</sup> ge so do. Wherfore þis tyme of lenton ys ordened only to schowre and to clanse yowre conyencie of alle maner rwste and fylje of synne þ<sup>t</sup> hit is defowlyd w<sup>t</sup>, so þt ye mowe w<sup>t</sup> a clene concience on astur day receyue þe clene body of owre lorde Jhu creste” (*Lansd. MS. 392, fo. 40*). Nearly the same words occur in Harl. MS. 2247, fo. 60 b.

**Cleansyng Weke.**—The first week in Lent? In a deposition before Sir Richard Layton, 31 March, 1537—“ Henry Wycliffe suant to Sir Rauffe bowmer, brother to the saide Sir Rauffes wyffe, w<sup>t</sup>in the towne of grenton in swaldeLL in one Jhon of blade his house an ale house, ther drynkyng vpon a thorsday in cleنسyng weke abowte ix or x off the cloke before none sayde, Syrres whate mene ye, ys yer hertly done. Lat gane CC. men and I shall gyve the duke of North fooke an onsett, and I shall other sauе peacockes lyffe or I shall hane the dukes chayne, meaning to haue slayne him w<sup>t</sup> many other suche seditiouse wordes to make a new com'otion.”—*Cott. MS., Calig. B. I., fo. 143.*

**Clericorum, or Dominorum Bacchanalia.**—Quinquagesima Sunday, which immediately precedes Lent, was so called, from the revelries of the clergy before the long fast.—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ., fo. 38.*

**CLETUS & FELIX.**—April 26: G. 404. Cletus was pope and mart. in 78. Hospinian supposes his festival no older than the 11th century.—*Fest. Chr., fo. 16 b.*

**Cockrow.**—The Sybarites are related to have destroyed all their cocks, that their slumbers might be no longer broken by the crowing of these birds; but it was probably in ages more remote, and by nations less effeminate, adopted as an indication of the progress of time, and employed in the date of events. It is well known that the Romans called their third vigil cockcrow; and several instances of its use as a date, among the lower writers of Latin, may be found under the articles *Cantus*, *Gallicantus*, &c. Our present business is with the writers of our own language. The night, says *Ælfric*, has seven parts between sunset and sunrise—one is the even gloam or twilight—another evening—the third is *conticinium*, when all things have retired to rest—the fourth midnight—the fifth is cockcrow—the sixth day-break, and the seventh morning (*Tib. A. III, fo. 64*). “ This year” (795), says the Saxon annalist, “ the moon was eclipsed between cock-crow and dawn,” and the expression “ about cock-crow,” is used by King Alfred, in his translation of Bede (*Eccles. Hist., lib. IV, cap. 23*). Robert of Brunne describes the empress Maud escaping from Oxford, clad only in her smock (*Chron., p. 122*):

“ Sone after mydnyght, that crowe suld the cok,  
In the snowe for syght scho gede out in her smok,  
Without kirtelle ore a emse, save Koverchef all bare vis.”

Strutt, illustrating the custom of throwing at cocks, quotes the following passage from the Nonnes Priests Tale of Chaucer, where he says—

—“ There was a cocke  
For that a priestes sonne gave hym a knocke  
Upon his legges, when he was yonge and nice,  
He made him for to lose his benefice.”

“ The story (says Strutt) supposes the cock to have overheard the young man ordering his servant to call him at the cock-crowing—upon which the malicious bird forbore to crow at the usual time; and, owing to this artifice, the youth was suffered to sleep till the ordination was over” (*Glyg Gamena, Angel Cynnan*, B. III, ch. vii, s. 21). Among our poets, the crowing of the cock is a favourite expression for marking the time of the day :

“ The cock that is the trumpet of the morn,  
Doth with his lofty and shrill-sounding throat,  
Awake the God of Day.” *Hamlet, Act I, sc. 1.*

Shakespeare introduces it in several of his plays : the porter in *Macbeth* excuses his drowsiness, because—“ Faith, Sir, we were carousing it till the second cock” (*Act II, sc. 3*). Oberon’s order to Puck in *Midsummer Night’s Dream*, *Act II, sc. 2, is—*

“ And look thou meet me ere the first cockerow.

Ratcliffe, in *Richard III*, *Act V, sc. 3*, says—

“ The village cock  
Hath twice done salutaton to the morn.”

Capulet, Rom. Jul., *Act IV, sc. 4*, exclaims—

“ Come stir, stir, the second cock hath crow’d,  
The curfew bell hath rung ; ‘tis three o’clock.”

Edgar, K. Lear, *Act III, sc. 4*:—“ This is the foul fiend Flibbertigibbet ; he begins at Curfew, and walks till the first cock.” In an ancient Scottish song, of which the tune is said to have been played by the troops of King Robert Bruce, in marching to battle :

“ Landlady, count the lawing,  
The day is near the dawing,  
The cocks are at the crowing.”

Lastly, Tassier, in his *Points of Huswifery*, p. 185, explains the hours marked by this musical clock :

“ *Cock Crowing.*

“ Experience teacheth as true as a clock  
How winter night passeth, by marking the cock.

“ Cock croweth at midnight, few times above six,  
With pause to his neighbour to answer betwixt :  
At three o’clock thicker, and then as ye know,  
Like all in to mattins, near day they do crow.

"At midnight, at three, and an hour ere day,  
They utter their language as well as they may,  
Which whoso regardeth, what council they give,  
Will better love crowing as long as they live"

Cockshut Time.—Twilight, when poultry go to roost, named from an instrument called a cockshut, or shoot, which was formerly used in taking birds, probably "vesperascente coelo." Shakspeare has this term in Richard III, *Act V, sc. 3*:

"Thomas earl of Surrey, and himself,  
Much about cockshut time, from troop to troop  
Went through the army."

It occurs in the same sense in Ben Johnson's masque, *The Satyr*, performed at Althorp in 1603; the first Fairy says—

"Mistress, this is only spite:  
For you would not yesternight  
Kiss him in the cockshut light."

**CECILIA.**—Nov. 23: G. 418. See **CECILIA**.

**COLESTUS.**—Oct. 11: G. 411.

**COEMGAN, COENIGEN.**—June 3: G. 407—Comigen in *Jul.* In Brit. Sancta, I, p. 337, Coemgan, or Keivin, an Irish abbot, 615. See **COMGAN**.

**Coena Domini.**—The Lord's Supper; a name of Thursday before Easter. The festival belongs to the apostolic age (*Pol. Verg.*, l. VI, c. 8, p. 377). Aelfric, in his *Epist. ad Sacerdotes*, speaking of the duties of the clergy on the week before Easter, translates the words of the text, "Imple mandata domini in coena ipsius"—"do on the Thursday as our lord hath commanded" (*MS. Tib. A. III, fo. 103 b.*) From the words of the Latin text, we have Maundy Thursday as the name of this day. The Coena Domini, or feast of the body and blood of Christ, was in early times understood literally by the Pagans, who accused the Christians of killing and eating children for this celebration; and Tertullian, in reference to this charge, exclaims in his *Apology* (c. 7), "O quanta illius praeisdia gloris si eruisset aliquem, qui centumjam infantes comedisset!" The Christians of a later age made as unfounded and injurious a charge against the Jews, with respect to the alleged crucifixion of children (see **WILLIAM**). Coena Domini is often found as a date: "xi kal. Aprilis, videlicet die Jovis in Coena Domini" (Tho. Wikea, in *Gale*, t. II, p. 112). On Wednesday, April 21, 1108, died Anselm, abp. of Canterbury, and was honorably interred on the following day, which was Coena Domini.—*Rog. Hoveden*, p. 472.

**Coena Pura.**—Parasceve, or Good Friday—"Qua die conceptus est dominus, eadem die et passus est. Eadem ipsa dies Coena Pura fuit, in qua et luna decima quarta occurrit" (*Chrysost. Serm. in Not. Joh. Bapt., Du Cange*, t. III, p. 273). The Council of Valencia, in 1565, severely blames the scandalous conduct of the flagellants on this and the preceding day, in corrupting the holy mysteries, when divine worship should be particularly pure, by publicly scourging themselves.—*Sessio 5, cap. 18, De Flagellentibus, &c.*

**Coeverfu.**—The curfew, in the French statute of the city of London, 1285:

“Defendu est q’ nul seit si hardi estre trove alaunt ne wacraunt par my les Ruwes de la Citee ap’s Coeverfu p’ sone a saint Martyne le g’nt, a Espeye ne a Bokuylen ne autre arme p’ conduynte de Lumere” (*Stat. Civit. Lond.*, 13 *Edu. I.*): It is forbidden that any be so bold as to be found going or rambling through the streets of the city after curfew by the ringing of St. Martin’s-le-Grand, with sword, or buckler, or other weapon, by the conduct (assistance or direction) of a light. It was anciently the practice of robbers, and other lawless persons, to put a short candle in front of their iron skull-caps, of which the projecting nib cast a dark shade over the face, while the full light of the candle was thrown upon the person attacked.

**Collar Days.**—Candlemas, Ascension Day, Midsummer Day, and All Saints’ Day, when the knights at court wear the collars of their respective orders. To these days may be added the royal birth-day: Charles II was born May 29, 1630, and in the *Festa Anglo-Romana*, p. 86, is an observation, that “this, as it is his birth-day, is one of his collar-days without offerings.”

See *Offering Days*.

**Collop Monday.**—The day before Shrove Tuesday, when, in preparation for Lent, flesh meat was cut into slices, called collops, for salting.

**Colms Mass.**—“In Caithness, Whitsuntide; but, no doubt, the mass of St. Columba, May 2” (*Jamieson, in Supplement to Etymol. Dict.*) The Doctor is wrong—if not Colm, or Colmoc, June 6, a Scots bishop, apostle of the Orkneys, in 1000 (*Brit. Sanct.*, p. I, p. 346), it is St. Colomba, whom, says the Sax. Menol., *Jul. A. X.*, the Scots call Columchille, *June 9*: *Dæg halgan mæsse pñeortar t’id. r’ce Columba ñone nemnað Scottas Columchille.* He was an abbot of St. Martin’s, in the Isle of Ji, at Whiterne, from 556 to 577 (*Chron. Sax.*, an. 556). Whitsuntide, it may be observed, cannot fall earlier than May 10—but June 9 is within its circle.

**Cologne, Kings of.**—See *Festum Trium Regum*.

**COLUMBA.**—June 9: G. 407 (*Bed. Hist.*, l. III, c. 4: see *Colms Mass; Columkille*). There were also—I, Colomba, or Columba, virg. mart., 273, Dec. 31 (*Pet. de Nat.*, l. II, c. 24): Translation, Dec. 17; Dedication, July 22—2, 548, Dec. 12—3, 853, Sept. 17.

**COLUMBAN, Abbot.**—Nov. 21: E. 459. A. D. 615 (*Brit. Sanct.*, par. II, p. 297). Transl. with Bustace and Walbert, Aug. 31.

**COLUMKILLE.**—June 9: V. 427. See *Colens Mass*.

**COMGAN, COMIGEN.**—Feb. 26: G. 400. See *COEMGAN*.

**Commemoration des Almes.**—Nov. 2: L. 471. See *Almes, All Souls*.

**Commemoratio BEDE.**—May 27: D. 453. See *BEDA*.

**Commemoratio BOSILI.**—July 8: D. 455. See *BOSILUS*.

**Commemoratio Omnitum Fidelium Defunctorum.**—Nov. 2: E. 459. All Souls’ Day, among the Greeks, is Thursday before Pentecost; and at Milan, previously to 1582, it was Monday after the third Sunday in October. See *All Souls; Anima; Almes*.

**Commemoratio Omnitum Sanctorum.** Nov. 1: T. 445. See *All Halowemas; All Saints*.

**Commemoratio PAULI.**—See *PETER and PAUL*.

**Commemoratio Septem Dolorum b. MARIE.**—See *Festum Compassionis*.

**Communes, Communis Feria**—The common week, “*Communis Septimana*,”

commenced Sunday after Michaelmas, and *Communis Feria* is any day of that week. “*Feria quinta in communibus*” is Thursday in this week, and occurs in the date of a diploma of 1306.—*Ludw. Rel. MSS.*, t. VII, p. 493; *Haltaus, Cal. Med. Evi*, p. 133.

**Communibus Annis.**—One year with another—a term used in many calculations included in time. For example, Mr. Derham observes that the depth of rain, *communibus annis*, were it to stagnate on the earth, would amount in Townley, in Lancashire, to  $25\frac{1}{2}$  inches; at Upminster, in Essex, to  $19\frac{1}{4}$ ; at Zurloch,  $32\frac{1}{4}$ ; at Pisa,  $43\frac{1}{4}$ ; and at Paris, to 19 inches.

**Communio.**—Sept. 25. In the old chronicle of the Dukes of Brunswick (*in Leibnit. Access. Hist.*, t. II, p. 16), it is related that the Saxons, having obtained a great victory over the Thuringians, on the seventh day before the kalends of October, in 834, afterwards celebrated that day under the name of *communio*.—*Haltaus*, p. 133.

**Compassion de la Vierge.**—Friday in Passion Week. See *Festum Compas-sionis*.

**Comple.**—More correctly *completorium*. In a charter of 1370, “*Actum Januæ anno dominicæ Nativitatis, 1370, indictione octava, secundum cursum Januæ, die iv Decembris, ejusdem hora post comple*” (*Rymer*, t. III, p. ii, p. 907). The expression, “secundum cursum Januæ,” and the indiction, were probably introduced to shew that the year was computed from January 1.

**Completorium, Complin.**—The last of the canonical hours for common prayer, about 7 o'clock in some monasteries, and about 9 in others (see *Hours, Canonical*). The term is derived from *compleere*, to finish or *complete*: “*Nox erat; hora ad complendum dicta*” (*Stephanid. Vit. S. Thom. Cantuar.*, p. 47). In *Dougl. Virg.*, 449, 39—

“ The lerkis discendis from the skyis hicht  
Singand hir compline soing estir hir gise  
To tak hir rest, at matyne houre to rise.”

**Computatio Romana.**—Before the reformation of the style, the civil or legal year in this country commenced March 25, and dates made by this year were said to be according to English computation. The historical year began January 1, as at present; but at Rome the year began at Dec. 25, and the year was said to be according to the Roman computation, when writers were beginning to be precise in their chronology. Wilhelm Wyrester in this way distinguishes his date of the coronation of Edward III, on Monday, Feb. 2, 1327: “*Hoc anno (secundum computacionem Romanam) die Lunæ in festo Purificacionis, coronacio Edwardi III*” (*Annales*, p. 425). The civil year was still 1326.

**Conceptio Beatae MARIE.**—Dec. 8.

**Conceptio Domini.**—March 25: G. 402. This is the same as the *Annuntiatio Dominica*, D. 451, and the Annunciation of our Lady in other diaries: “*viii Kal. Aprilis, Conceptio Christi et Passio Domini*.”—*Kal. Arr. 826*.

**Conception nostre Dame.**—Dec. 8: L. 472. “*Conception of our Lady*.”—*MS. Lives of Saints*.

**Conceptio Sanctæ Dei Genetricis MARIE.**—Dec. 8: T. 446. The kalendar

ViteHius is somewhat less profane in its title of this festival, having "Domini" for "Dei," p. 433. The ancient MS. Festial by John Mirk in this day, *De Concepcione beatae Marie*, begins—"Suche a day ge schul hauie pe concepcion of oure lady, be whech day holy chyrche makuth mensyon of pe concepcion of hure for pre specyal poyntes: for hure fadur holynes, for hure mod' goodnes, and for hure ounē chosen mekenes" (*Claud. A. II, fo. 9 b.*) With respect to the name of *Dei Genetrix*, or mother of God, as applied in these kalandars to the Virgin Mary, it originally belonged to Isis (Mvōs, mater—*Plut. de Isid. et Osirid.*), the Bona Dea and Mater Deum, or mother of the Gods, of the Romans, when worshipped under the name of Cybele. In the early corruption of Christianity, the rites, and even the habitments, of the Roman Isiaci; or priests of Isis, were adopted by the degenerated Christian priests. A corrupt motive alone can satisfactorily account for the profligacy. The worship of Isis was highly popular in Rome, and it had long been a source of considerable profit to her priests. Even in the time of Juvenal, her pictures and images, like those of the Virgin Mary in the present day, afforded subsistence to the artists of Rome:

———“Pictores quis nescit ab Iside pasci?”  
*Sat. XII, 28.*

“As once to Isis, now it may be said  
That painters to the Virgin owe their bread.”

Her likenesses crowded the temples, and found their way into the meanest hovels:

———“facies olida ad præsepiā pictas.”  
*Sat. VIII, 157.*

About 364, the Collyrians paid divine worship to the Virgin Mary, and sacrificed to her as the Queen of Heaven, which title belonged to both Isis, and Diana of Ephesus. Nestorius, about 429, shocked at the blasphemy, was condemned by the third general council of Ephesus, for questioning the propriety of applying the title of Mother of God to the Virgin; and in 538 it was solemnly decreed, in the fifth council of Byzantium, under Pope Vigilius, that henceforth the style of the Virgin should be Σετοροκος, Deum pariens, Deipara, Dei genetrix, or mother of God (*Pol. Verg.*, l. VIII, c. 5, p. 475). The pregnancy of Isis was commemorated with a festival by the ancient Egyptians (*Plut. de Is. et Osir.*, c. 65). There seems every reason to believe, that the festival of the Conception of the Virgin Mary was known at a very early period of the corruption of Christianity; but there are several discordant opinions as to its origin: Onuphrius Pamphinius ascribes its institution to Sixtus IV, in 1471 (see *Festum Immaculate Conceptionis*). This is readily set aside, because it was renewed by the Council of Basil in 1439, and ordained to be observed in all churches: "Nos Festum Conceptionis Mariæ renovamus et in omnibus ecclesiis observari volumus" (*Sess. 36*); the same Council confirmed it in 1441 (*Dresser de Fest. Diebus*, p. 208). Julius Scaliger, whose opinion is often followed, assigns it to Urban VI, in 1388 (*De Emend. Temporum*); but Bellarmin thinks that it began to be first observed about the time of St. Bernard, in 1130. Hildebrand says that some writers believe the festival of the Conception to have been celebrated

In the age of Charlemagne, at the end the 8th and beginning of the 9th century (*De Sanctis Dieb.*, p. 14 & 15). The evidence of these kalendars is strongly in favour of the latter opinion, and is certainly decisive as to that of Bellarmine, who assigns the festival a higher antiquity than the others. Some say that Anselm, abp. of Canterbury, introduced it to England in the year 1068. It is not found in the Dano-Saxon Menology, which contains the Nativity of St. Mary, whom it styles, with unaffected piety—

opena relort.  
vnuhtner modor.  
of women the best  
our lord's mother.  
*Tib., B. I, fo. 112.*

See *Festum Immaculæ Conceptionis.*

Concepcion S. Johannis Baptistæ.—Sept. 24: V. 430. The kind of festival in honor of St. John does not appear in G, 414, but it occurs in the Saxon Menolog., Jul., A. X. Sci Iohannis ge-eacnung þær miclan pulpihtær. Concilium Judæorum.—The Council of the Jews, Friday before Palm Sunday.

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—*Matt., ch. xxvii, v. 1.*

### **Concurrentium Locus — M**

**Concurrent Locus.**—March 2: G. 402; V. 44; T. 45. Concurrents, though long since disused, are so frequently found with other chronological data, that an acquaintance with them may not be superfluous:—Common years consist of fifty-two weeks and one day; leap-years, of fifty-two weeks and two days—and the supernumerary day or days are named the concurrents of those years. This is expressed in the old verses—

*“Hebdomadæ decies quinæ numerantur in anno,  
Atque duæ post duas, lex una, duæve supersunt.”*

The concurrent of the first year of the solar cycle, is the number 1—of the second, 2—third, 3—fourth, 4—fifth, which is leap year, 6—sixth, 7—seventh, 1—eighth, 2—ninth, 4, because it is leap-year; and so on, always increasing by 1 in ordinary years, and 2 in leap-years—and recommencing with 1 after 7, because there are only as many concurrents as Dominical letters. The following rule is given in the Computus of the kalendar Titus, *D. xxvii, fo. 55.*—*Gif þu nýte hýlce concupnente beo on geane. rec georne hýlce ðæg beo .xi. kl. Aprilis. Gif hit bið Sunnan ðæg þonne bið concupnenter .i. Gif hit Monanðæg þonne bið concupnenter .ii. ¶ Ira fela ðaga ira bið agan on þene pucan. ira fela concupnenter þu recalt habban þy geane. ¶ Ira fela nihta ira re mona bið on .xi. kl. Aprilis ira fela epacta þu recalt habban þy geane:—[If you know not what concurrents be in the year, carefully seek what day will be the second before the kalends of April. If it be Sunday, the concurrent will be 1; if Monday, the concurrents will be 2: and as many days as there are gone in the week, so many concurrents will you have in the year; and as many days as the month is old on the eleventh day before the kalends of April, so many epacts will you have in the year (see *Bed. Oper.*, t. I, p. 42). The concurrent 1 answers to the Dom. Letter F; 2 to E, &c. See *Dominical Letters*.*

**Confessoris Festum.**—In Simeon of Durham's continuation of Bede—"Eodem tempore quidam ad solenne sanctissimi Confessoris Festum cum domino suo venerat" (*Script. post. Bed.*, c. 37). This is the festival of Edward the

*Confessor*, Oct. 13 (V. 431), where it is an interpolation; and L. 470, St. Edward *the King*. It is observed by Mr. Cunningham, in his life of this monarch, that his sanctity procured him from the monks the title of the Confessor (*Lives of Illust. Engl.*, v. I, p. 87); but at first this title was given to those who died confessing, or, as we now say, *professing*, Christ under persecution or torture. Afterwards, it became of more general application, and was bestowed upon bishops and priests who were not martyrs—and, in the present instance, upon a secular prince. It was not until after the time of Pope Sylvester, in 314, that, according to Innocent III, the church began to celebrate the memory of confessors.—*De Mysterio Missæ*, l. III, c. 10; *Du Cange*, t. II, col. 951.

Confrérie de la Mi-Aout.—A festival was formerly held by an association under this name, at Dieppe, Aug. 15, in honor of the Virgin.

Conqueste, Conquestus.—See *Apres la Conqueste*; *Post Conquestum*.

Conseil des Juifs.—See *Concilium Judæorum*.

Constantinian Indiction.—See *Epoch*; *Era*.

Constantinopolitan Era.—See *Epoch*; *Era*.

CONSTANTINE.—March 10: G. 401. A martyr in 6th century, March 11 (*Britan. Sancta*, p. I, p. 169). There were also—1, Constantine the Great, whom the heathens converted into a god, and the Christians into a saint to be worshipped, March 21 or 22 (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 52 b.)—2, a recluse, 561, Dec. 1—3, C. II, Scotland, 874, April 2.

Constitutum.—The appointed day. “Si talis causa fuerit, quam deliberare minime possit, ponat constitutum, et distingat hominem illum de judicaria, &c.”—*Il. Liutprand.* l. II, t. 41, s. 3.

Conticinium.—Dead of night; the third division of the night, beginning with twilight, among the Romans and Saxons: þriða iñ conticinium, þonne ealle rupiāþ on heora neſte—[the third part of the night is conticinium, when all things are silent in their rest (*Cott. MS., Tib. A. III*, fo. 64). *Tib.*, B. V, reads rƿeopiað, which is better Saxon. Bed-time.—*Order. Vitalis*, p. 508; *ed. Duchesne*.

CONVALLUS.—May 18.—*Brit. Sancta*, par. I, p. 292.

Conversatio S: PAULI.—The conversion of Paul, Jan. 25: “Datum apud Eboracum die Jovis proximo ante festum conversationis sancti Pauli, anno graciae 1323.”—*Cartul. S. Mariae de Lanc.*, *Harl. MS. 3764*, fo. 68.

Conversio Sancti PAULI.—Jan. 25: G. 398; V. 422; T. 435; E. 449; L. 461. In Mrk's Homily on the conversion of Paul, it is announced thus—“Suche a day ge schul haue þe fest of sent Paule þat ys kalled þe conuersyon, þat ys to say, þe conuertyng of seynt Poule; for þat day he was conuerted and yturned fro a cursed tyrand in to goddes seruand, fro an hegh mon and a proud in to a meke mon and a deuowt, and fro þe dysypul of þe deuel in to goddes holy apostell” (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II*, fo. 30 b.) In the *Statcyonyss of Rome*, one and two thousand years' pardon are granted to his worshippers:

“ — yn þe worshyp of þe conuercyon  
Ys graunted a m<sup>ii</sup>. ger of perdoun;  
And at þe feste of his day  
Two m<sup>ii</sup>. ger haue þou may.”

*Cott. MS., Calig. A. II*, fo. 81 b.

According to Hospinian, this festival is first mentioned by authors of credit in the 12th century; and it was not universally observed in the time of Innocent III, about 1200, as appears from his epistle in his *Decretal.*, l. I, where he directs the bishop of Worms ("Episcopum Uormalensem") to celebrate it throughout his diocese.

**CORDULA.**—Oct. 22, a companion of Ursula in martyrdom.—*Brit. Sancta, par. II, p. 216.* See *Undecim Millia Virgines.*

**CORMAL.**—Dec 13, an abbot.—*Brit. S., p. II, p. 314.*

**CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN.**—Sept. 14 : G. 413; V. 430; T. 443; E. 457. Cyprian, bp. of Carthage, mart. Sept. 14, 258. Cornelius, pope, mart. 252, Sept. 16, on which day their joint festival is now celebrated.—*Corso delle Stelle, p. 67.*

**CORNELIUS & ELEUTHERIUS.**—Dec. 23 : G. 420. Cornelius, a centurion of Cæsaria, in the Latin ch. Feb. 22, but in the Greek Sept. 23; and Eleutherius, a martyr, in the Greek ch. Dec. 15, may be the saints here united. There is another of this name worshipped with Rusticus, Oct. 9.

**Corona CHRISTI.**—See *Festum Lanceæ et Clavorum.*

**Coronati.**—See *Quatuor Coronati.*

**CORPREUS.**—March 6; an Irish bishop in the 9th century.—*Brit. Sancta, par. I, p. 159.*

**Corpus CHRISTI Day.**—A moveable feast, instituted by Urban IV, between 1262 and 1264, to be celebrated on Thursday after the octave of Pentecost, i.e. after Trinity Sunday, and confirmed by the Council of Vienne in 1311 (*Matt. Dreiser. de Fest. Diebus, p. 106.*). In 1316, John XII honoured it with an octave. It is sometimes confounded with another festival, in honor of the mass *Festum Sanctissimi Sacramenti*; but this is in honor of the doctrine of transubstantiation, which, from the brutal ignorance of the age, had arrived at the highest stage of extravagance to which the grossest superstition could possibly exalt a dogma, contrary to Scripture (*Luke, xxii, 17, 18, 19, 20 ; 1 Pet., iii, 18 ; Heb., ix, 25, 26 ; 1 Cor., xi, 26*), and unknown to the fathers for the first six centuries (see the opinion of pope Gelasius—*Advers. Eutych. et Nestor., ap. Bibl. Patr., t. VIII.*) The dogma had been asserted no earlier than 1215, by the Lateran Council; and writers, audacious in blasphemy, began to assert that priests were greater than God, for they daily created their Creator—"quoniam ipsum creatorem quotidie crearunt!" (*Biel, apud Popery Revealed; 8vo, N. York, 1838.*) This is softened in a modern quotation of faith, quoted by Schiller,—"Art. 8, I confess that a priest is much greater than the mother of God, Mary herself, who only bore the Lord Christ, and never conceived again; but a Romish priest offers and forms the Lord Christ, not only as often as he is willing, but in any manner he will; yea, he feeds upon him while he chews his bread." Mirk, in giving an account of the origin of Corpus Christi Day, maintains the power of the priest in this respect, whether he be moral or immoral in his life: "Gode men, knowe wel þis is a heigh fest day and a solemn in alle holy chyrch, and is kalled þe fest of Corpus X<sup>t</sup>i, þis is, þe feste of Crystes body, þe wyche is vche day offred in holy chyrch on þe auter to þe heigh fadir of heuen, in remyssion of synne to alle þt levyn' here in perfice charite, and in grete sokor and relese of oure peyne þt ben in purgatory. þan schal ge know þis feste was foundyn be

a pope was called Vrbane þe ferþe. þe wyche hadde grete deuocion in þis sacrament, consydering þe grete and þe heigh helpe þi god gaf to alle þe pepul be vertu of hys sacrament. Wherfore he ordeyned þis fest to be halloged þe þursday nex aftyr þe fest of þe trinite, &c." Christ gave his disciples—" and alle oþur prestys power and dignite to make his owne body of bredde and wyne on þe auter þi vche prest hath of Cristes geftie power to mak þis sacrament, be he gode lyuer or euel lyuer" (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 73<sup>b</sup> 77*). The ancient Egyptians had a transubstantiation of the same kind:—After the last ceremony (says Plutarch), they made a dough of fresh earth, mingled with incense and a kind of holy water, and then formed into the image of a crescent, which they dressed in proper habits (*De Iside et Osirid.*, c. 39); they considered this image to be divine (*ib.*) Corpus Christi is a mutilated title (see *Festum Corporis et Sanguinis*), but it most commonly occurs in dates: "Jak Strowe et Wat Tyller—in festo corporis Christi intraverunt Londoniam" (*Wylhelm. Wyrcest.*, ann. 1381, p. 441). "Wretyn at gour ton of Caleys vpon Corpus Christi Dey" (temp. Hen. V.) —*Ellis, Orig. Lett.*, v. I, p. 76.

Correction Fraternelle.—Tuesday after the third week in Lent.

**COSMAS & DAMIAN.**—Sept. 27: G. 414; V. 430; T. 443; E. 445; L. 469.

Two brothers in 277: "Memorandum quod actum est super hoc die sanc-torum Cosmæ et Damiani, anno gratiae 1253."—*Matt. Par. in Vitis*, p. 65.

**Covereon of seynt POUILL.**—*Paston Lett.*, v. III, p. 326. See *Conversio S. P.*

**Crastinum.**—The morrow, or the day after a feast.

**Crastinum Bb. ARNULFI et CLARII.**—The inspeximus of a charter of Henry II is dated by the bishop of Lisieux—"Anno domini 1281, die Sabbati in crastino beatorum Arnulfi et Clarii" (*Madox, Formul. Anglic.*, n. 16, p. 9); I am at a loss to determine the day of the month intended by this date. The days appropriated to the name of Arnulf are July 18, Aug. 15, and Sept. 19 (Aug. 16, *Petr. de Nat. I. VII*, c. 68): those belonging to the name of Clarus are Jan. 1, June 1, Nov. 4, and Sept. 19—and to Clarius is assigned Jan. 13: "Idus Jan. Depositio sancti Clarii Episcopi" (*Kal. Arr. 826*). This is the same name as that chosen by the Norman bishop, and Jan. 13 may possibly be the date; on the other hand, Clarus (Nov. 4, *Mart. Rom.*), is an English saint, held in great estimation in Normandy, where he is known as St. Clair; he was assassinated at a place in Normandy, which has since been called by his name, and his head is preserved at another village of St. Claire, in the department of Paris.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. II, p. 248.

**Crastinum Cinerum.**—The morrow of the Ashes—day or benediction being understood: the day after Ash Wednesday: "In die crastino cinerum."—*Mon. Anglic.*, t. V, p. 642.

**Crastinum Crastinii.**—The morrow of the morrow, *après demain*, the next day but one. Goulet, in his *Compend. Jur. Univers.*, Paris 5: "Eorum examen in crastino crastinii post festum Regum aperitur, et in festo Purificationis clauditur."—*Du Cange*, t. II, c. 1140.

**Crastinum S. VINCENTI.**—"Crastino S. Vincenti," on the morrow of St. Vincent the martyr, i. e. January 22, which is the date of the statutes made at Merton, anno 20 Hen. III. There are likewise certain return days of writs, in terms in the courts of Westminster, beginning with *crastino*, as

*Crastino Animarum*, in Michaelmas Term ; *Crastino Purificationis beatæ Marie Virginis*, in Hilary Term ; *Crastino Ascensionis*, in Easter Term ; and *Crastino Johannis Baptiste*, in Trinity Term.—*Stat. 32 Hen. VIII, and 17 Car. I.*—*Jacob.*

**CRESCENTIA.**—June 15, with Vitus, &c. : E. 454.

**CRESCENTIUS and VENUSTUS.**—Oct. 13 : G. 415.

**CRISANTUS and DABIA.**—Dec. 1 : V. 433 ; T. 446 ; E. 460. Martyrs in 3rd cent. Their day is now Oct. 25.

**Crisenmasse, Cristemasse.**—*Paston Lett.*, v. III, p. 368, p. 154. See *Christenmesse*.

**CRISOGONUS.**—Nov. 24 : V. 432 ; T. 445. See *CHRISOGONUS*.

**CRISPIN & CRISPINIAN.**—Oct. 25 : G. 416 ; T. 444 ; E. 458. Brothers, mart. 288.—*Pet. de Natal.*, l. IX, c. 106.

**CRISPINI, Passio.**—The suffering of Crispin, June 20 : V. 427.

**CRISPINUS.**—Dec. 3 : G. 419. Perhaps this should be Crispina, a virgin, in 304, Dec. 5, whose Acts are printed by Mabillon, in his *Veter. Analect.*, p. 177 ; *Edit. fol.* There is a Crispin, bp., Nov. 19.—*Pet. de Nat.*, l. X, c. 83.

**Cristenmesse.**—See *Christenmesse*.

**CRISTINA, V. M.**—July 24 : V. 428 ; T. 441 ; E. 455. A martyr of the third or fourth century.

**CRONAN.**—April 28. An Irish abbot, 640.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. I, p. 268.

**Cross, Adoration of.**—The worship of the cross has been pertinaciously denied, but its memory is preserved in the names of several days and festivals. In the time of Tertullian, A. D. 260, the sign of the cross was deemed a preservative against poison and fascination, and it was used to expel devils, and work other miracles (*De Corona Militis*, 3). In the Saxon Passion of St. Margaret, we have a remarkable instance of its efficacy : Se ƿnaca ƿette hir muð open þeƿne halgan ƿæmnan heafod. ȝ hi ƿorƿpealh. Ac eƿirer nōðe racen heo halga manƿanetan ƿonhfe innan he [Sic. ȝær.] ƿnacan innoðe heo hine flat on ƿræigen ȳðlar. ȝ heo halga ƿæmna eðe utof þær ƿnacan innoðe ungeƿæmmend—[The dragon placed his mouth over the holy virgin's head, and swallowed her. But with the sign of Christ's cross, which St. Margaret made in the dragon's belly, she split him into two pieces ; and the holy virgin came out of the dragon's belly undefiled—*Cott. MS., Tib. A. III, fo. 73*]. This sort of stuff was, and still may be, firmly believed. The emperor Theodosius, about 381, prohibited the sign of the cross to be cut on the ground, flint, or marble, lest it should be profaned by human feet (*Polyd. Verg.*, l. V, c. 6, p. 309). Paulinus of Nola, in 461, introduced paintings of the cross into churches : in time, images and crosses were erected in the public streets and adored by the passengers—“sancta ejusmodi erecta adoramus et salutamus” (*Durant. de Ritiib.*, l. I, c. 6 ; 8vo, *Colon.*, 1592). The adoration of posts and trees in the highways by pagans, suggested the same situation for crosses, as observed by Dr. Middleton and other travellers :

“ Nam vereor, seu stipes habet desertus in agris,  
Seu vetus in trivio florida serta lapis.”      *Tibull.*, El. I, 11.

Dr. Wiseman denies the worship of these crosses, and says that he never

saw more than an occasional salutation by taking off the hat (*Letters to J. Poynder, Esq.*); but Durantus, above, explicitly confesses the fact: "We worship and we salute crosses of this kind." The solemn worship of the cross before the altar prevailed in the time of Charlemagne (*Amalar.*, l. I, c. 14), and it was performed long afterwards by the pope and cardinals, prostrate and barefooted (*Amel., Ord. Rom.*) This ceremony gave the name of *Veneris Dies Adoratus* to Good Friday; and it occurs as a date in a decree of the Parliament of Paris, in 1463. In the constitutions of Giles de Bridport, bishop of Sarum in 1256, he requires all the people of a parish to come and worship the cross on this day, and forbids them to approach Christ's body at Easter, unless they have previously worshipped the cross (*Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 903). See *Vendredi Aore*.

**Cross Days, Holy.**—The Exaltation, Sept. 14, and the Invention, May 9. See *Holy Rood Days*.

**Cross Weeks.**—There are two general processions of crosses in the year, of which the first is on St. Mark's day, and is called the greater Litany or procession, and the second, three weeks before our Lord's ascension, is called the smaller procession: "Von der Krützewuch. Der gemeine Krutzgang is zwirig in dem Jore, der erste ist an Sancte Marckus tag und heisset der merste Krützgang. Der ander is drige dage vor unseres Herren Uffart, und heisset der mineste Krützgang" (*Schilter, Thesaur. Antiq. Teutonic.*, t. III, p. 190). See *Cruces Nigræ*; *Gang Days*; *Litanieæ*; *Processions*; *Rogations*; *Renvesons*; *Rouaisouns*.

**Crouchmas, Crowchemesse Day.**—Crossmas Day, Sept. 14: "Wretyn att Norwyche, on ye Fryday aft' Crowchemesse day," about 1464 (*Paston Lett.*, v. IV, p. 192). See *Exaltatio Crucis*; *Holy Rood Days*.

**Crown of Thorns.**—See *Festum Coronæ Christi*.

**Cruces Nigræ.**—Black Crosses, April 25, the day of St. Mark. The Gregorian or Roman litanies were so called, because the relics, altars, crosses, and sacred vessels, were covered with black, as in mourning (*Durand., Div. Off.*, l. VI, c. 102); hence, the day itself has been named the day of the black crosses. Plutarch mentions the processions of the Egyptians about this time, when they paraded and exposed to view the statue of Osiris, and the triple phallus, which was sometimes symbolized by the Tauatic cross (*De Iside et Osiride*, c. 36). The Greeks exposed their statues naked, but the Romans veiled them (*Pol. Verg.*, l. II, c. 23, p. 159). Such is the origin of the veiled crosses in the processions of St. Mark. See *Cross Weeks*; *Litanieæ*.

**CUCUFACUS.**—July 25, with Christopher: E. 455. Cucufatus, Cucuphatus, a martyr in 304. *Cucufans* in *Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 136.

**CUDBERCHT.**—March 20: G. 402. De clæne Cuðbenchte (*Sim. Danelm.*, p. 76). See *CUTHBEET*.

**Curriculosus Annus, Curriculum.**—A year, or course of a year. In Diago de Comit. Barcinon., t. II, c. 34, occurs the following singular date—"Actum est hoc annorum dominice Incarnationis quater quinquagenis et quinques, quinis lustris, et tribus curriculis, mensibusque quinque peractis." Du Cange computes it to be the year 1228, thus—4 times 50 are 200, and 5 times 200, 1000; then 5 lustra are 25 years, and 3 curricula, or years, compose 1228 (*Gloss.*, t. II, c. 1264). "Quatenus post multa annorum curri-

cula, de regno ad regnum transeat" *Gregor. M.*, l. I; *Epist. ad S. Leandr.*, 41). "Quo completo annorum curriculo occisus est" (*Bed., Hist. Eccl.*, l. III, c. 9). In King Alfred's translation of Bede, *Da re nÿne geana gerylleð þær*—[When the run or course of years was accomplished]. This use of the word is classical:

"—prima quies medio jam noctis abactæ  
Curriculo expulerat somnum," *Virg. Æn.*, l. VIII, v. 408.

"Diligentiae meæ temporis angustiis obstitisti, meque ex comparato et constituto spatio defensionis in semihoræ curriculum coegisti."—*Cic. pro Rabirio*, n. 2.

**CUTHBERHT, CUTHBERT.**—March 20: V. 424; T. 437. Bishop of Lindisfarne in 687 (*Bed., Hist. Eccl.*, l. IV, c. 27 *et seqq.*) Deposition of St. C., E. 451. Cuthbert, bp., L. 463. This is the orthography of the Sax, Men., *Jul. A. X.* Translation, Sept. 4: V. 430; T. 443; E. 457; L. 409. He is also called Gunibert, and Gubert (*Hospit. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 52 b.); but the Saxon orthography, Cuthberht—cuð, *notus*, well known, famous, and *beopht*, *clarus*, bright, illustrious, is opposed to the first, and very slightly sanctions the second: Guthbert is *famous in war*—guð, war.

**CUTHBURGE, V.**—Aug. 31: V. 429. Sister of Ina, King of the West Saxons, 688.—*Will. Malms. de Regib.*, l. I, c. 2.

**Cycle.**—See *Julian Period*.

**CYPRIAN.**—Sept. 26. See *CIPRIAN*.

**CYRA, V.**—Oct. 16. An Irish saint, of whom nothing is known.—*Brit. Sanct.*, par. II, p. 205.

**CYRIAC.**—March 16: G. 401—Aug. 8: G. 411. "vi id. Augusti, Natalis S. Cyriaci" (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). Martyred under Maximilian, "17 kal. Aprilis," or March 16, on which day he was buried, but his body was translated by Pope Marcellus, and Lucina, a matron, "6 id. Augusti" (*Petr. de Nataibus*, l. VII, c. 35). The translation of Cyriac and his companions, Aug. 8, occurs in V. 429.

**CYRIAC & JULITTA.**—See *CIRICUS* and *JULITTA*.

**Dæmon Mutus.**—The Dumb Devil: the third Sunday in Lent, from the collect, *Luke xi*, 14—"And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb." The Roman priests, and the jugglers of the North American savages, claim this power. If it be doubted that men of education, and pretension to respectability of character, assert the possession of such a power, I refer him to Polydore Vergil: "Hodie etiam sacerdotes nostri, uti videmus sacris quibusdam verbis dæmones ex humanis corporibus exire cogunt, et quibus benedicunt ægrotis, si ut plurimum belle habent" (*De Invent. Rer.*, l. I, c. 21, p. 66). The instruments employed in this kind of magic are salt and water, wax candles, bells and Latin words, all of which, separately as well as in combination, are positively asserted to put devils to flight. Holy water was expressly invented, "ad dæmonas effugandos" (*Pol. Verg.*, l. V, c. 10, p. 330; *Casal. de Vet. Sacris Christ. Ritibus*, c. 36, p. 164). Proof of the pretence as to candles and bells may be seen under *Benedictio Can-delarum*, and *Festum Campanarum*.

**Daft Days.**—The Christmas holidays in Scotland.

**DALMATIUS, mart.**—Dec. 5. *Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 32.

**DAMASCUS.**—Dec. 11: G. 414.

**DAMASUS I**, Pope & Conf.—Dec. 11: V. 433; T. 446: “*III id. Dec. Natalis sancti Damasi papæ*” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). This festival does not occur in the *Sax Menol*. The institution of the *Gloria Patri* after prayers, retained in the church of England, the division of the Psalter by nocturns, and other formalities, are due to this pope (*Pol. Verg.*, l. V, c. 11, p. 333; *Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 56), who died in 384.—*Platin. in Vit.*

**DANIEL & 3 Boys**, *DANIELIS et tres Pueri*.—Sept. 17 (*Chrysost. Oper.*, t. VI, p. 824). Tres Pueri only, G. 404. There were also—2, Daniel, the prophet, Aug. 28 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 126)—3, Daniel and Verda, 344, Feb. 21—4, the Stylite, 494, Dec. 11—5, first Bishop of Bangor, 545, Nov. 23 (*Usser. Antiq. Eccles.*, p. 274)—6, the Levite, 837, Jan. 3 (*Petr. de Nat.*, l. II, c. 40), and, 7, an abbot, July 21.—*Pet. de Nat.*, l. VI, c. 123.

**DANUA**, Virgin of Carthage.—Feb. 12: G. 399.

**Da Pacem**.—Introit of the 18th Sunday after Pentecost.

**DARIA**.—Dec. 1 (see *CRISANTUS*). Daria, mart. Oct. 21 (*Pet. de Natal.*, l. IX, c. 87), and Daria, a male martyr, Oct. 25.—*Lib. cit.*, c. 110.

**DARLUGDACHA**—Feb. 1. An Irish abbess, contemporary with St. Bride, or Bridget (*Brit. Sancta*, p. 1, p. 95), and in all probability either herself or her sister, for the latter part of the name seems to be Daghdæ, the father of Bridget, and god of fire.

**Datarum Idus**.—In the *Chron. Sax.*, an. 1012, it is said that Eadric and the chief counsellors of the Angles came to London before Easter, which fell on the *datarum idus Aprilis*. In this year, Easter fell on the ides of April, from which, in direct computation, the remaining ides were counted. See *Kalendæ*.

**DATIUS**, Mart.—June 12. *Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult. Another, Jan. 14.

**DATIVA**.—See *DIONYSIA*.

**DAVID**, Bp.—March 1: E. 451; L. 463. Some say that he was a prince of Wales in 680; the *Britannia Sancta* says that he was a bishop of Menevia, who died in 544 (*par. I*, p. 145). Hospinian asserts that he was not commemorated before the 12th century (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 17). Subsequently, under Dec. 30, he says that David, bishop of Menevia (which appears to be Mona, now Anglesea), who died in 580, was canonized by Calixtus II about 1119 (*Ib.*, fo. 164); but this learned divine has mistaken both the saint and the day—David, king, prophet and saint, Dec. 29 (“*iiiij cal. Jan.*,” *Pet. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 15)—for the patron of Wales, whose existence is somewhat problematical. In a provincial council, held under Henry Crichley, archbp. of Canterbury in 1415, St. David’s Day (March 1) was ordained to be a double festival (*Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 669), and thus it appears in the present Laity’s Directory—“*S. David, B. Conf., Patron of Wales, doub., white.*” There was another David, an abbot, July 15 (*Brit. Sanct.*, p. II, p. 34), and a monk of Hermopolis, placed by Petr. de Natal. in January, l. I, c. 17.

**Dawes**.—Days, Sax. *dægar*. Speaking of Edward the Elder, Robert of Gloucester says—

“ Kyng he was þre and twenti ȝer, and syx monþes þerto  
And þre woke, and syxte dawes, ar his lyf wer ydo.”

*Chron.*, p. 553.

"*Vyftene dawes*," "*A monþe and four dawes*" (*I<sup>h</sup>.*, p. 406). In the opening of the romance of *Launful Miles*—

" Be dougty Artours dawes,  
þat held Engelond in good lawes,  
þer fell a wondyr cas  
Of a ley þ<sup>t</sup> was ysotte,  
þ<sup>t</sup> hyȝt Launal ——"

*Cott. MS., Calig. A. II, fo. 38 b.*

Dawynge —The dawn of day, in Robert of Gloucester and Robert of Brunne, from the Sax. *þagunȝ*, *quasi*, the *daying*.

Day. The day, in the civil law, begins and ends at midnight; and, in the canon law, it lasts from evening to evening *Montan. Disputat. Jurid. de Ferriis, thes. 1*). It is commonly defined to be a space of time, in which the sun, by its apparent ascension and descension, either describes a certain part of a circle, or makes an entire revolution. It is also usually divided into natural and civil—the former being the space of time between sun-rise and sun-set, and consequently of unequal length, and the latter, containing one revolution of the heavens, includes the night, whence the Greeks call it *νυχθημερον* and *ἡμεροντεκτον*. "Si triginta dierum pactæ sint inducæ, non debet de diebus naturalibus, sed civilibus intelligi" (*Grot. de Jure Belli et Pacis, l. II, c. 16, s. 5*). The civil day is also called artificial, but not by all authors, for Lord Coke applies this term to denote the natural day (*1 Inst.*, 135). What, in chronology, is a natural day, in astronomy is an artificial day; and what, in chronology, is a civil day, in astronomy is a natural day. "The variety observed by several nations in fixing the beginning of their days is very great, as well as that of their months and years. This gave rise to the memorable distich—

" Atticus occasum spectat, Babylonius ortum,  
Nox media Ausoniis, media at lux perplacet Umbris."

That is, the Athenians commenced the day from sunset—the Babylonians from sunrise—the Ausonians from midnight, and the Umbrians from mid-day or noon (*Strauch., Brev. Chron.*, b. I, c. 4, s. 7). The Arabs and the Gauls, Saxons, Germans, and other northern tribes, counted like the Athenians. The Mahometans compute from twilight to twilight. The modern Italians begin the first hour at sunset, but the ancient Italians computed the day from midnight, as we mostly do. The Syrians, Persians, and Indians followed the same practice as the Babylonians. The astronomers follow the Umbrians, and count from noon, because at that instant time can be ascertained with the greatest precision. The Jews, who have always counted from sunset, and the Romans, subdivided the day into four parts, and the night into as many vigils: the first began at sunrise, or six in the morning—the second at nine—the third at noon, and the fourth at three in the afternoon. The first vigil or watch began at six in the evening—the second at nine—the third at midnight, and the fourth at three in the morning. The Saxons divided the day into quarters—"Four pricks (says Brydferth) make one hour of the sun's course; six hours make a fyrthling or quarter,

and four fyrlings one day." But Ælfric (or rather Bede) divides the night, from sunset to sunrise, into seven variable parts—twilight, evening, dead of night, midnight, cock-crow, and day-break (*Cott. MS., Tib. A. III, fo. 64*): they and some other nations, who commenced the day at sunset, counted by nights instead of days (see *Night*). In the kalendar *Galba*, the first days of December are counted in the direct order, though the Roman numerals are used throughout the month. For the Ecclesiastical divisions, see *Hours, Canonical*. "Day, in a legal sense, relates to the *Day of appearance* of parties, or the continuance of suits, where a day is given, &c. (1 *Inst.*, 135). In real actions, there are *common days* and *special days* given by the judges in an assize, &c. There is also a *Day of Grace*, generally granted by the court at the prayer of the demandant or plaintiff, in whose delay it is. Likewise, there are several *Return Days* in the terms; and if either of them happen on a Sunday, the day following is taken instead of it, for that day is *Dies non Juridicus*, and so is *Ascension Day* in Easter term—*St. John Baptist* in Trinity term—*All Saints* and *All Souls* in Michaelmas term, and the *Purification* of the V. Mary in Hilary term (2 *Inst.*, 264). The *Days in Bank* are set down by statute, when writs shall be returned, or a party shall appear upon the writ served—51 *Hen. III*; 32 *Hen. VIII*, c. 21" (*Jacob, Law Dict.*) In our French records and diplomas, and statutes, the day is variably called *jor, jour, jur*. The names of the days, from the planets and mythological deities, were ordered by Sylvester, in 316, to be called *Feriae*, with their ordinal numbers—*Feria secunda*, the second day, for Monday, *Feria tertia*, the third day, Tuesday, &c. See *Feria*.

**Day-going.**—Evening twilight, in the old border laws: "Also the night watch to be set at the day-going, and to continue until the day be light; and the day-watch, where the same is, to begin at the day-light, and to continue until it be gone."—*Nicholson, Border Laws*, p. 215. 319.

**Day, Holy.**—The first Sunday in Lent, among the Anglo-Saxons; but the Latin writers called Sunday *Dies Sanctus*, the holy day—and Easter Sunday (using the feminine gender), *Dies Sancta*. The days of Lent were also named the holy days—*dies sancti*. The following ancient rule for finding the Holy Day, depends upon the Golden Number and Dominical Letter: On febr. oþer .vii. iður loca hƿær þu finðe tƿegna nihta ealðne monan. þonne oþer þær on þone ƿunnan ƿæg bið halgan ƿæg—[In February, look past the 7th idea, where you find the moon two nights old; then past that, on Sunday, is the holy day] *Cott. MS., Titus, D. xxvii, fo. 54b*. If it were required to find the day of the month on which the first Sunday in Lent fell in 1066, without having recourse to the Easter Day, find the Golden number, which is III, and the Dominical Letter, which is A; then, in the kalendar, look for the Golden Number after February 7, and it will be found at March 1—count two days, and look for the Dominical Letter A, which stands at March 5, and that is the first Sunday in Lent, Easter Sunday in that year being April 16.\* See *Dominical Letters; Golden Numbers*.

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\* In the same paragraph are two other such rules—the one for finding *Easter Day*, and the other for finding *Alleluia*. In consequence of having

**Daylight.**—“In our law, before sun-rising and after sun-setting is accounted part of the day, as to robberies in the day-time, when the Hundred is liable —”*Rep. 6.*”—*Jacob.*

**Day of Absolution.**—Shear, or Maundy Thursday. See *Absolutionis Dies.*

**Day of Marche.**—A day of truce on the borders. In the “*Brief Declaration of the Laws of the Marches*, composed by Richard Bele, clerk of the West Marches of England,” he says—“ Bills of faults are interchanged, days of trewes agreed on, &c. Days of Marche so appointed, proclamation is to be made, for all lords, knights, esquires, gentlemen and several officers, with convenient numbers of their charge and tenants (as time and service require), for to repair the night before, and give their attendance upon the lord warden unto the said day of Marche, defencibely arrayed, with their best horses and nags, the morrow next following.”—*Nicholson, Border Laws*, p. 23.

**Days of the Croice.**—Crouchmas Day, Sept. 14. Robert of Brunne says that Richard I, on his way to the Holy Land in 1199, arrived at Meschynes (Messina) on—

“The day of the croice, in the heruest tide.”

*Chron., p. 150.*

**Days of the King's Peace.**—A very ancient law-phrase, to denote vacation. See *Non Terminus.*

**Days-man.**—“In the north of England, an arbitrator, or person chosen to determine an affair in dispute, who is called a dies-man, or days-man” (*Jacob, Law Dict.*) A judge for the day.

**Day Sterne.**—The day-star, or sunrise. *Robert of Brunne*, p. 161—

“In the mornynge to rise, the tyme at the day-sterne.”

“**Daywere of Land**—was formerly as much arable land as could be ploughed up in one day's work, or, as the farmers still call it, one journey” (*Jacob, Law Dict.*) It should therefore be called Day-were, from peoncan, to work.

**Decem Leprosi.**—The ten lepers. See *Dominica de decem Leprosis.*

**Decem Millia Martyrum, or Decies Mille Martyres.**—June 22, the day of the *Ten thousand Martyrs*, who, it is pretended, were deliberately put to death on Mount Ararat, under Adrian and Antoninus, by crucifixion. They were afterwards taken from the crosses, and buried in the mountain by angels from Heaven (*Petr. de Natalibus*, l. V, c. 137). It is unnecessary to say, that no such execution is mentioned in history, and Hospinian denies that the festival occurs in any authentic martyrology, or ancient kalendar (*De*

inadvertently misarranged the transcript of the paragraph, and forgetting that particular rule, it is stated (*p. 10*) that the manuscript does not contain either the rubric or rule. I take the earliest opportunity of correcting an assertion, which commits a great injustice on one who is very rarely in error, and whose opinion I have controverted with deference, and only because compelled by the subject, as in the articles on *All Hallowenmas*, and *Dies Muti*.

*Fest. Christ., fo. 113 b.)* It is, however, celebrated at the present day in Italy : " Giugno 22; ss. diecimilia Martiri Crocifissi" (*Il Corso delle Stelle*, p. 53). There is also the festival of the *Decem Millia CCIII Martyres*, who are said to have suffered with one Zenon at Rome—" vii id. Julii," or July 9, probably in some year of the reign of the celebrated King of Bohemia in Tristram Shandy—for more than this, Petrus de Natalibus saith not.—*Cat. Sanctorum*, l. VI, c. 75.

Decies Quadratum.—Ten times four, for *Quadragesima*, Lent (*Jac. Cardiro in Vit. S. Cælestini*, P.—

" En decies quadrato subdere corpus  
Menti jussit amor," &c.      *Du Cange*, t. II, c. 1334.

Decimbir.—December. See *v. I, p. 419, n. \**

DECLAN.—July 24. An Irish saint before St. Patrick's time.—*Brit. Sanct., par. II, p. 37.*

Decolaces.—See *Jean de Collaces*.

Decollatio S. JOHANNIS Baptiste.—Aug. 29: G. 412; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456; L. 468. " Beheading of St. John the Baptist" (*Comm. Pr. B.*) It is an ancient festival, and one of the very few that were deemed worthy of notice by the author of the Dano-Sax. Menol., *Tib. B. I, fo. 112*); but its origin and intention are equally uncertain. See *Festum Decollationis S. J.*

Decollation de saint JOHAN le Baptiste.—The same : L. 408.

DECUMON.—March 1. A Welsh martyr.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. I, p. 145.

Dedicacion, Dedicatio.—The dedication or consecration of a church is an anniversary celebration, and is not to be confounded, as has been done by Bishop Kennet, with that of the saint to whom the church is consecrated. They were distinct in England until the reformation, when, in 1536, the festival of the saint was abolished, but that of the dedication was allowed. (see *vol. I, p. 352-6*). In confirmation of what Whitaker says, as to the difference between the two festivals, it may be noticed that the synod of Exeter in 1287, *cap. 23*, orders the feast of the local saint, and that of the church Haliday, as it was termed, to be kept at their respective times : " Temporibus suis festum sancti loci et dedicationis ecclesie" (*Spelm., Conc., t. II, p. 372*). After directing the celebration of the festival of each church in the diocese, the synod of Worcester in 1248, *can. 4*, note that, if it be a mother church, the feast of the dedication is to be observed by the whole parish; but if a chapel, only in the parish, meaning probably the chapelry : " Dedicatio Ecclesie. Si fuerit matrix ecclesia per totam parochiam, si capella, tantummodo in parochia" (*Ib., p. 259*). In some kalendars, we find, besides the dedication of St. Peter's at Rome, the Saviour's at Constantinople, and other general festivals of this kind, the dedication of a particular church not named elsewhere, whence it may be presumed that the kalendar has belonged to that church, or to one of its dependencies ; thus, in the *kal.*, *v. I, p. 462*, at Feb. 13, we have the dedication of St. Lawrence of Ludlow. The introduction of ceremonies in dedicating or consecrating churches has been attributed to Higinius, in 150, the year before he adopted the title of pope (*Pol. Verg., l. V, c. 6, p. 308*). But the churches so consecrated must have been buildings erected for some other purpose, as was that consecrated by Pius to Prudentiana, at the request of her sister Praxedis ; for

the first Christian churches were erected about 244, when Calixtus I is said to have raised and dedicated a church to the Virgin Mary, in the Trans-tiberine quarter of Rome. His example was followed by the emperor Constantine, who erected churches to Sts. Peter, Paul and Lawrence (*Euseb.*, *l. VIII*, *c. 1*; *Pol. Verg.*, *l. VIII*, *c. 1*, *p. 453*). Heathen temples were frequently converted to Christian worship; and in consecrating them, "that the change might be less offensive, and the old superstition shocked as little as possible, they generally observed some resemblance of quality and character in the saint whom they substituted for the old deity. If, in converting the profane worship of the Gentiles to the pure and sacred worship of the church, the faithful use to follow the same rule and proportion, they have certainly hit upon it here (Rome), in dedicating to the Madonna the temple formerly sacred to the Bona Dea; but they have more frequently, on these occasions, had regard to the similitude of name between the old and new idol. Thus, in a place formerly sacred to Apollo, now stands the church of Apollinaris, built there, as they tell us, that the name of Apollo might be converted into the glorious name of the martyr; and where there anciently stood a temple of Mars, they have erected a church to Martina, with the inscription—

“*Martirii gestans virgo Martina coronam,  
Ejecto hinc Martis numine, templo tenet.*”

“Mars hence expelled, Martina, martyr'd maid,  
Claims now the worship which to him was paid.”

*Middleton, Lett. from Rome.*

About 228, churches began to acquire property, and to hold land for the support of ministers (*Functius*; *Petr. de Nat.*); and in 319, many privileges were conferred upon them. Felix III, about 526, appointed the day of dedication to be an annual festival (*Pol. Verg.*, *l. VI*, *c. 8*, *p. 380*). The heathen custom, of decorating the churches with garlands of olive, laurel and flowers, was prohibited by P. Martin in 649 (*Ib.*, *l. V*, *c. 1*, *p. 283*); and, in 653, Eugenius granted prelates the right of having prisons within churches, for the punishment of offending priests. Sanctuaries within churches, and other sacred spots, had been appointed by Boniface V, in 617. They are mentioned thirty years afterwards in the laws of Ina, king of the West Saxons, and were not abolished in England until 1534. There appear to have been customs peculiar to the celebration of the church holiday, or feast of dedication: the vicar of Garstang, by the official ordination of the living, is to take all oblations in the parish belonging to the three great festivals, which are “ad Natale, ad Pascha, et ad solemptne festum matricis ecclesiae” *Whitaker, Hist. Richmondsh.*, *v. II*, *p. 482*). See *Church Halyday*; *Wake*.

Dedicatio Altaris S. JULIANI Martyris.—April 19 (*Hieron. Martyrol.*) The use of altars was introduced by Sixtus, about 185 (*Volateran*; *Hospinian*): Tertullian is the first Christian writer that mentions them (*Lib. de Penitentia*). Felix, in 271, instituted the consecration of altars; and Hospinian says that the coverings called the albe and corporal were invented by Sylvester in 317—but Polyd. Vergil gives the honor to Boniface III, in 607.—*Lib. V*, *c. 6*, *p. 308*.

**Dedicatio Basilicæ S. SALVATORIS.**—Nov. 9. The festival of the dedication of the church of St. Saviour at Constantinople, or of St. John Lateran. Sylvester instituted the festival in honor of the first church publicly consecrated in Rome, with the image of the Saviour on the walls, as well as in honor of the church erected by Constantine within his palace, whence the term *basilica*, applied to that edifice (*Joh. Diac. de Eccles. Later.*, p. 582). “In dedication Basilicæ Salvatoris, quæ est v id. Novembris” (*Card. Gaietan. Ordinar.*, s. 98 & 99).

**Dedicatio Basilicarum SS. Apostolorum PETRI et PAULI.**—Nov. 20.

**Dedicatio B. MARIE ad Nives.**—Aug. 5. See *Festum Mariae ad Nives*.

**Dedicatio B. MARIE et Omnim Martyrum.**—May 13 (*Martyrol. Rom.*, p. 137). See *Natalis Mariae ad Martyres*.

**Dedication de l'Eglise de Saint LAWRENCE de Lodelaw.** Feb. 13 : L. 462.

**Dedicatio Ecclesiae S. MARIE.**—June 10 : V. 427.

**Dedicatio S. MICHAELIS Archangeli.**—Sept. 29 : V. 430. In *Kal. Arr.*, 826, “Dedicatio Basilicæ S. Mich. Archæ.” A charter of the 13th century is dated—“In festum S. Mich’is in Monte Gargano” (*Harl. MS.*, 3764, fo. 15). This is the title generally given to the festival (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 95; *Baron.*, *Not. ad Mart.*, p. 605). The Council of Saumar is also dated in this manner—“Actum apud Salmarium, die Martis post festum beati Michaelis in Monte Gargano” (*D’Achery, Spicil.*, t. I, p. 185; fol.) But the synod of Oxford in 1222, cap. 1,, and some kalendars, as that, I think, of the *Portifor. Sarisb.*, read “Festum S. Michaelis Archæ. in Monte Tumba.” See *Festa Michaelis*.

**Dedicatio Monasterii Salvatoris Mundi.**—June 10 : T. 440.

**Dedicatio S. NICODEMIS Martyris.**—June 1. *Kal. Arr.*, 826.

**Defence Month.**—See *Fence Month*.

**DEICOLA.**—Aug. 18. An Irish bishop in 586.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. 11, p. 88.

**DEIPARA.**—Mother of God: a name applied to the Virgin Mary in many of her festivals. See *Conceptio Sanctæ Dei Geneticis*.

**DELIBERA.**—Jan. 18. A name of Liberata, virgin.—*Corso delle Stelle*, p. 27.

**Delun, Deluns, Deluys.**—Monday, in ancient Fr. charters.

**Demande d'avant que DIEU fût vendu.**—Evening of Palm Sunday, in a charter of an. 1293.

**DEMETRIUS, Mart.**—Oct. 8 : E. 458. Suffered in 307. In the Gr. church, Oct. 26.

**DEMETRIUS & MARCELLUS.**—April 10 : G. 403. Another, Nov. 15 : G. 407.

**Demy Qaresme.**—Mid Lent, in our French records, &c. “Secunde simaigne de demy qaresme.”—36 *Edu. III, st. 1, c. 12.*

**DENIS & Companions.**—Oct. 9 : L 470. See **DIONYSIUS**.

**Dennis Day.**—Oct. 9. Hugh Despenser the elder was executed, in 1325, “on St. Dennis Day in October” (*Dugd. Baronag.*, v. I, p. 826). This was the English, as well as the French name of Dionysius, at the beginning of the 14th century, and perhaps earlier—

“ Seyn Denys was in þe olde laue.

Paynim as ob<sup>r</sup> were

In þe cite of Atteues

þ<sup>r</sup> non ob<sup>r</sup> nere.”

*Jul., D. IX, fo. 144 b.*

**Denunciatio** —The announcement or publication of a coming festival or fast. The Council of Lyon, in the 5th century, decreed that the times of holding should be declared to the laity throughout the year, as every Sunday, the Nativity of our Lord, &c. (*Gratian. de Consecrat., Dist. 3; Casal. de Veter. Sacris Christ. Ritib., l. ix, p. 237*). Probably this is the reason that ancient homilies commonly begin with an announcement, in some such terms as these—*Good people, such a day you will have the feast of, &c.* (see an instance in *ALCMUND*, &c.); so that the homilies were not preached on the days named in the titles, but previously, and as a sort of *paranesis* to the observance of the coming festival. In the *Kal. Arras* of 826, we have at March 1, June 1, and Dec. 1, “*Denunciatio Junii*,” or proclamation of the ember fast of the month, which was formerly necessary, because the ember fasts had no fixed days, or stations, as they are termed. The old custom was, to celebrate the Spring fast in March, the Summer fast in June, and the Winter in December; and different churches seem to have had their own weeks for the purpose, until Gregory VII, about 1073, gave them stations in the kalendars, and rendered the observance of them uniform. Cardinal Bona gives the form of a *denunciatio*, from a Roman Sacramentarium, written about 800, in his treatise—*De Rebus Liturgicis, l. II, c. 16, s. 4.*

**Depenné**.—See *Estienne le Depenné*.

**Depositio, Deposito, Deposition**.—Deposition is used for the day of a saint, who is generally not a martyr. Eusebius the Roman, in his treatise, *De Cultu Sanctorum Ignotorum, c. 5*, considers *depositus, depositio, in pace*, and some other words in sepulchral inscriptions, as distinctive of the Christians (in Mabillon, *Veter. Analect., p. 557; Ed. fol.*) According to Ptolemy Sylvester, the death of a saint was called his deposition, to denote that, whatever disgusts their relations might have conceived against them while living (for having embraced Christianity), they deposed them (*i. e.* laid them down) when the convert died: “*odia tempore oblitus deponuntur.*”—*Du Cange, t. III, c. 143.*

**Depositio S. ÆTHEFLÆDÆ**, Virg.—Oct. 23 : T. 444.

**Depositio S. ATHELWOLDI**.—Aug. 1 : T. 442.

**Depositio S. BASILII**.—Jan. 1. Saxon homily in the lost *Cott. MS., Otho, B. X, fo. 17*; and *Julius, E. VII, fo. 13 b.*

**Depositio S. BYRINI**.—Dec. 3 : V. 433 ; T. 446.

**Depositio S. CUTHERBTI**.—March 20 : D. 451.

**Depositio S. DUNSTANI**.—May 19 : T. 439—with the obit of Æthric, painter, probably illuminator or limner of manuscripts.

**Depositio S. EADBURGE**, Virginis.—June 15 : T. 440.

**Depositio S. EADGITHE**, Virg.—Sept. 16.—V. 430.

**Depositio S. EADMUNDI**, Archiepiscopi.—Nov. 16 : V. 432 ; D. 450.

**Depositio S. MARIAE Matris Domini nostri JESU CHRISTI**.—Feb. 18. This is the festival of the Assumption, which is now celebrated Aug. 15. In the ancient Gallic liturgy, this deposition of St. Mary precedes the chair of St. Peter (*Sacram. Gallic., p. 300*). Mabillon found the Deposition in a very ancient kalendar of the monastery of St. Cyriac (*Iter Italic., t. I, p. 157*). The day of Mary's death is utterly unknown; the infallible church supplies it by unerring tradition, which, it is evident, makes her die both in February and August.

**Deposito S. PATRICII.**—March 17.

**Deposito S. SWITHUNI,** Episcopi.—July 2: T. 441.

Dernier Dimanche des Oleries.—The last Sunday in Advent. See *Oleries*.

**Descensio primi Carbonis.**—Among the Syrian Christians, the 7th of the month Shahut, or February; *Descensio 2ndi Carbonis*, Feb. 14; and *Descensio tertii Carbonis*, Feb. 21.

**DESIDERIUS.**—May 23; a bp. of Langres, beheaded by the Vandals when devastating France in 411.—*Petr. de Natalibus*, l. V, c. 31; *Hospinian de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 86 b.

**DEUSDEDIT.**—July 15; the sixth abp. of Canterbury (*Britan. Sancta*, p. II, p. 34). He died in 664.—*Chron. Sax.*

**Deus in Adjutorium.**—Introit of the 12th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Deus in Loco Sancto.**—Introit and name of the 11th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Deus omnium exauditor est.**—Beside Trinity Sunday, some of those following are denominated from this response. Henry II is said to have caused his son to be crowned “in dominica qua cantatur Deus Omnium” *Ducherne, Hist. Norm. Script.*, p. 1003). The ceremony was performed June 21, or “xi kal. Julii,” which the Chronicle of Mailros, counting the kalends in the direct, instead of the Roman order, calls “viii kal. Junii, die dominica qua cantatur Deus Omnium” (*Gale, Ed. t. I*, p. 170). June 21, 1170, was Trinity Sunday. See *Caput Kalendarum; Kalendae*.

**Deus qui errantibus.**—The third Sunday after Easter: “Wretyn at Paston in hast, y<sup>e</sup> Wednesday next aft<sup>r</sup> Deus qui errantibus, for defaute of a good secretarye” (*Paston Lett.*, v. I, p. 4). It is the introit of the collect for that day.

**Dia.**—For *die*, in the profession of Diorlaf, bishop of Hereford, about the reign of Richard I. Speaking of the dominical resurrection, he says—“Dia tertia resurgentem ex mortuis.”—*Text. Roffens.*, p. 271.

**Διακανισμός Ἐβδομάδας.**—Easter week in the church of Constantinople, because it commenced the year.

**Diatim.**—From *dia*, daily (*Matt. Paris ad Ann. 1068*). *Dieta* was a measure of distance—a day's journey: “Omnis rationalibus dieta constat ex xx miliaribus” (*Fleta*, l. IV, c. 28). The Chronicle of the monastery of Andres speaks of the earthquake which overthrew Lincoln cathedral, in 1184, as extending above three days' journey, or 60 miles: “Per tres terræ dietas durans et amplius” (*D'Acherii Spicil. Aliquot Vet. Script.*, t. II, p. 818; Fol.) “The word *dieta* signifies a day's journey, and the best account of it is given by Selden—That the Chancery being a more able court, and following the king's court, the party who purchased the second writ, ought to have applied to the king's court as hastily as the distance of the place would allow, accounting 20 miles for every day's journey.”—*Lord Raym. Rep.* (Hilary T., 10 Will. III), v. I, p. 493.

**Dicit Dominus, Ego cogito.**—Introit and name of the 23d Sunday after Pentecost.

**Diemange.**—For *Dimanche*, Sunday: “Le Sabmedi devant le perdu diemange, 1368.” Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday.

**Dierum Dominicorum Rex.**—Trinity Sunday.

**Dierum Omnim Supremus.**—Easter Day. *Fileac. de Quadrages.*, c. 16; *Casal., Vet. Sacr. Christ.*, c. 62, p. 251.

Dierum Rex.—Easter Day, in *Nazianzen. Orat. 2, de Paschate; Catal. de Vet. Sacris Christ., c. 60, p. 240.*

Dies Absolutionis. Holy Thursday, answering in signification to our Shear-day, or Shere Thursday. See *Absolutionis Dies*.

Dies ad Carnes.—See *Dies Curnium*.

Dies Adoratus.—Good Friday, from the adoration of the cross on that day (see *Cross, Adoration of*). It is also called by French writers *Verdi Aort*, or *Oré*, for *Vendredi Adoré*, from the Latin, *Veneris Dies Adoratus*.

Dies ad Piscem.—Day for fish: "Post vero vero refectionem lautam et splendidam licet esset dies ad pisces hospitatus est."—*Matt. Par.*, an. 1254.

Dies *Egri*.—Days of ill omen, otherwise called Egyptian, *Egyptiaci*, or *Mali*, Bad Days. In *Petr. de Substo de Cultu Vineæ Domini*, p. III, c. 4. "Observatio kalendarum, mensis dierum *Egyptiacorum*, quos vulgus impertus falso dicit dies *segros seu maledictos*, est superstitionis et reprobata curiositas" (*Du Cange, Gloss. Novum*, t. II, c. 96). See *Dies Mali*, and *Egyptian Days*.

Dies Aliturgici.—Days without liturgy, or rather days on which mass is not celebrated, as Friday and Saturday in Passion-week (*Card. Bona de Rebus Liturgicis*, l. I, c. 18, s. 3). The pantomime performed on the last days of this week is designed to represent the Passion, and as, in the Mass, the body of Christ is supposed to be offered, that part of the service would be incongruous to the last days of the divine incarnation. See *Tenebre*.

Dies Animarum.—All Souls' Day, Nov. 2.

Dies Anniversarii.—Anniversary Days.

Dies Appensamenti.—A day of suspense, or delay.

Dies Architriclini.—Sunday after Epiphany. See *Festum Architriclini*.

Dies Baronum.—Days on which the barons attended, to determine the disputes of their vassals. Similar to these were the *Love Days*.

Dies Boni.—The Easter festival.

Dies Burarum.—The first Sunday in Lent. See *Bure*.

Dies Burdillini.—The quinzième of *Bohordicum*.

Dies Cœci Nati.—Wednesday in Midlent week.

Dies Calendarum.—See *Festum Stultorum*.

Dies Canicularæ.—Dog-days, begin July 14: V. 428; D. 455. July 17: T. 441. Dog-days end Sept. 5: V. 430; T. 443; D. 457. According to an old verse quoted by Dresser, the dog-days began July 20, and ended Aug. 6

"Margaris os canis est, caudam Laurentius adfert;"

*De Festib. Diebus*, p. 138; 8vo, Witeb., 1588;

The dog-star's melting course to trace

This rule will never fail:—

His nose adorns St. Margaret's face,

And Lawrence wags his tail.

Du Cange says that the dog-days comprised the sixty-four days, from July 14 to Sept. 13, "in quibus molestæ sunt purgationes a tertio idus Julii usque in idus Septembbris." The Portiforium Sarisb. commences them with the same day, and ends at Aug. 6; modern almanacs, from July 3 to Aug. 11, which is erroneous, for the heliacal ascension of canicula, in our latitude, does not take place before the latter end of August (*Butler, Chronol. Exer.*)

The Roman kalendar notices a festival to Canicula, *vii kal. Aug.*, “*Rutilæ canes Caniculae sacrificabantur;*” and Horace, in reference to the extreme heat which prevails under the supposed influence of the Dog-star, addresses the fountain of Brandosia—

“ Te flagrantis atrox hora Caniculae  
Nescit tangere,” &c.      *I. III, o. 13.*

**Dies Carnium.**—Flesh days. In the manner of making “Conueyes” at Whiteleye, the esquires and their peers were served for the second course at supper, on flesh days, with whole fowls—“*in diebus carnium de integris gallinis pro secundo cursu ad cœnam.*”—*Dugd. Monast. Anglic.*, t. III, p. 319, *per Ellis.*

**Dies Cineris et Cilicii.**—Ash Wednesday. It occurs in the acts of the synod of Benevento, in 1091: “*Post diem Cineris et Cilicii a quo caput jejuniū dicitur*”—[after the day of ashes and cloth of goat’s hair, from which the beginning of Lent takes its name.] “*Pe nævæð on bocum,*” says the Archbishop Ælfric, in his homily on Ash Wednesday, “*ægðer ge on þærne ealðan æ ge on þærne nípan. þa menn þe heora rýnna behþeoƿorðon. þi mið axum hi rýlce beþtneopðon. ȝ mið hærnan hi ȝerþyðon to lice. nu do pe þir lytle on upre lencener anginne. þe ƿtneopðað axan uppan upre heafða to ȝerþutelunge þe ƿtcolon upre rýnna behþeoƿrian. on upre lencenlicum ȝærtene*”—[We read in the books of both the old law and the new, that when men repented of their sins, they strewed themselves with ashes, and clad their body with hair. Now let us do this little at the beginning of our Lent, that we strew ashes on our heads, to shew that we should repent of our sins in our Lenten fast.]—*MS. Jul. E. VII, fo. 62.*

**Dies Cinerum.**—Day of ashes, the first of Lent, Ash Wednesday: “*In die Cinerum feria quarta in Capite Jejunii, scilicet prima die Quadragesimæ, sermo et missa mandantur*” (*Amel. Episc. Senecal. de Cærenoniis*, t. xxiv, p. 461). Bede has, “post Cinerum,” as Feria—“post Cinerum,” and “*Sabbatum post Cinerum*” (*Serm. Var. Oper.*, t. VII, p. 305 & 30). A letter of Edward I, in 1282, is dated more correctly—“*Hac die Veneris post diem Cinerum*” (*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. I, p. ii, p. 602). This is Friday, February 13.

**Dies Civium.**—In Holstein, the nativity of the Virgin, who, by causing an inundation of the river Stor, preserved the castle and city of Holstein from besiegers. The inhabitants called the day *Borgerdach*, which is the same as the modern German *Bürger Tag*, or citizens’ day.—*Haltaus, Cal. Med., Eri*, p. 30.

**Dies Consecrationis S. MARIE.**—See *Dedicatio S. M.* In a Spanish charter of privileges, “*que fieri jussit Wilfredus comes de Alaudes S. Marie Rivipullensis ad diem consecracionis S. Marie.*”—*Concil. Hispan.*, t. III, p. 166.

**Dies Datus.**—In English proceedings at law, the day of respite.—*Abbrev. Placit.*

**Dies Decretorii.**—The two critical days, in which a disease is most powerful, and the patient in greatest danger.

**Dies Dominicus.**—The first day of the week among the Latins: Easter Day, according to the *Art de verefier les Dates*; but it does not invariably denote that day. In the Cambridge entertainment of Q. Elizabeth—“*Sequenti die,*

qui dominicus fuit," &c., is Sunday, Aug. 6, 1564 (*Nichols' Processions*, v. III, p. 52). The week takes its name from the Sunday with which it begins, as Passion Week, *Hebdomada Passionis*, from Passion Sunday, or *Dominica de Passione*, or *Passionis*; but the Greeks take the name of the week from the Sunday following. With them, *Palmarium Hebdomada*, or Palm Week, is not that with which Palm Sunday, *Dominica Palmarum*, begins, but that which precedes it, and which the Latins call *Dominica Passionis*. In the same manner, Midlent Week, among the Greeks, is that which precedes Midlent Sunday; and what, among the Latins, is the third week of Lent, is the fourth among the Greeks (see *Hebdomada Græca*). As every Sunday possesses its own appellation, it is absolutely necessary to observe the circumstances which give rise to them. They are frequently denominated from the introit of the mass, the collect, and sometimes from responses. See *Dominica*.

*Dies Felicissimus*.—Easter Day.

*Dies Feriales*, or *Feriatu*s.—Holidays. See *Feriae*.

*Dies Florum atque Ramorum*.—Palm Sunday.

*Dies Focorum*.—The first Sunday in Lent. See *Brandones*.

*Dies Forensis*.—A market day.

*Dies in Banco*.—Days of appearance in the law-courts. See *Crastino S. Vincenti*.

*Dies Inofficiati*.—Days which have their own services in ecclesiastical rites.

*Dies Intrantes et Exeuntes*.—The first portion of every month consisted of *dies intrantes*, or entering days, and the second, of *dies exeuntes*, or departing days, which latter were mostly counted backwards, as noticed under *Calendar Month*. The Anglo-Saxons seem to have employed these terms, if not the mode of computation (see *Egyptian Days*). The following rules, copied by Mabillon from a MS. of St. Emmeramus at Ratisbon, contain the days which were so distinguished in each month:—

“ Mense Januarii intrante dies duo ; et exeunte dies septem,  
 Mense Februarii intrante dies novem ; et exeunte dies quinque.  
 Martio intrante dies tres ; et exeunte dies octo.  
 Mense Aprili intrante dies decem ; et exeunte dies octo.  
 Maio intrante dies sex , et exeunte dies octo.  
 Junio intrante dies novem ; et exeunte dies decem.  
 Julio intrante dies quatuor ; et exeunte dies decem.  
 Augusto intrante dies sex ; et exeunte dies duodecim.  
 Septembri intrante dies tres ; et exeunte dies septem.  
 Octobri intrante dies novem ; et exeunte dies undecim.  
 Novembri intrante dies octo ; et exeunte dies duo.  
 Decembri intrante dies duodecim ; et exeunte dies tresdecim.”

*Mabil.*, *Vet. Analect.*, p. 369 ; *Ed. fol.*, *Par.* 1723.

See *Mensis Execens* ; *Mensis Intrans*.

*Dies Jejunales*.—Days of fast. See *Jejunia*.

*Dies Jovis Absoluti*.—Shear Thursday. “ Quod cum regi (Henrico II) nuntiatum esset in crastino summo mane diei Jovis absoluti venit Cantuarium. (*Petriburg. Ann.*, an. 1177, p. 200). See *Absolutionis Dies*.



- Dies Jovis in Mandato.—Maundy Thursday.
- Dies Juridicalis, or Juridici.—Days of judgment in court.
- Dies Kafendarum.—See *Festum Stultorum*.
- Dies Lamentationis.—The three days of Holy Week, on which the Lamentation of Jeremiah was read.
- Dies Legibilis.—A day of public instruction in the universities—a lecture-day.
- Dies Lunæ.—The astronomical name of the second day in the week, answering literally to Monanday, Monday, the Moon's day.
- Dies Lustrationis.—Days of Purification, by Litanies in processions. See *Gang Days, Rogations, &c.*
- Dies Magnæ Dominiæ.—The day of our great Lady, the Assumption, Aug. 15. In Hungary, of which the Virgin is the patroness, the national flag bore the image of a woman, with the inscription, “Assumpta Virgo, Patrona Hungariae.”—*Haltaus, Cal. Medii Aevi*, p. 122.
- Dies Magnus.—Easter Day.
- Dies Malæ.—Evil Days. Jan. 1 : E. 449. April 20, May 25, Aug. 30, Oct. 24, Nov. 5 & 28, Dec. 12 & 15 : V. 425, &c. This MS. contains the following account of inauspicious days :—

**DE DIEBUS MALIS CUIUSQUE MENSIS, CUM OBSERVATIONIBUS  
MEDICINALIBUS.**

\* peigen þagar rýndon on æghylcū monðe. þ rpa hƿæt rpa man on þam ƿagum onginnæð. ne rypð hit næfne ge-enðoð. þær ið þonne on januarijþon' re mona bið þneora nihtra ealð. ȝ reorpha. ȝ on februario. þon' he bið rípa. ȝ reorpha ealð. ȝ on martiuj. he rýxta. ȝ re georfeða. On aprilj. re rípha. ȝ re eahtefha. ȝ on maij. re eahtefha. ȝ re nýgeða. On junij. re .v. ȝ re .xxvii. On iulij. re .iii. ȝ re .xiii. On agustiuj. re .viii. ȝ re .xiii. On septembri. re .v. ȝ re .ix. On octobri. re .v. ȝ re .xv. On nouembris. re .vii. ȝ re .ix. On decembri re þriða. ȝ re þneorteoða. buran ælcian tƿeon rpa hit bið geþrifice. gýme re þe pille.—*Fo. 8.*

Da \*ilðan læcay gefettan on leðenbocum. þ on ælcum monðe beoð sef \*\* tƿegen ƿagar. he rýndon rpiðe deþugenþlice a\*igum men ƿene to ƿuncanne. opþe bloð to lætanne. forþam he ane tido ið on ælcum þe ne ƿaga. gif man ænige aððan ge-openað on þære tido. þ hit bið his lif\*\* oððe langrum rati. þær cunnade rum læce. ȝ let hit horþe bloð on þære tido. and hit læg fona ƿæð. Nu rýndon hit þar ƿagar. rpa rpa heji onregð. þ ið re forþma ƿæð on martio on hlyðan monðe. ȝ re georfeða ƿæð æn þam he he on ƿeg pa\*\*. On þam oðrum monðe ye aprili harðað, &c.—*Fo. 12.*

**OF THE EVIL DAYS OF THE MONTH, WITH MEDICINAL  
OBSERVATIONS.**

Two days there are in every month, that whatsoever is begun on those days will never be ended. That is, in January when the moon is 3 and 4 nights old: in February when it is 5 and 7; and on March the 6th and 7th, April 5 and 8, May 8 and 9, June 5 and 27, July 3 and 13, August 8 and 13, Sept. 5 and 9, Oct. 5 and 15, Nov. 7 and 8, December 3 and 13; without any doubt so it certainly will be, let him observe who will.

Physicians state in Latin books, that in every month there are always two days which are very detrimental to all men, to drink drink or to let blood, because of one hour on each of those days; if a man open any vein on that hour, it will be to his life \*\*\* or long sore. This some physician knew, and bled his horse at that hour, and soon it lay dead. Now these are the days, as we here shall relate; the first day of March in *hlide* month, and the seventh day before it depart. On the second month, which we call April, &c. &c.

Dies Mandati.—Maundy Thursday. See *Mandati Dies*.

Dies Manualea.—Work-days.

Dies Marchiæ.—See *Day of Marche*. The day appointed for the adjustment of differences, and to make and preserve articles of peace on the borders of Scotland and England. “Convenerunt ad diem Marchiæ, et conventum fuit inter eos commodo pacis,” &c. (*Walsingham. in Ric.* II, p. 307). Otterburne, speaking of the day of March in 1380, says—“Dux Lancastriæ tenuit diem Marchiæ—Dux Lancastriæ per idem tempus ad diem Marchiæ prefecturus in Scotiam contraxit exercitum” (*Chron.*, p. 153). In 2 Rich. III, the following days were appointed as days of the Marches: “For the West Marchis, the xiv day of Octobre next cuming; Middil Marchis, xviii daie of October; Est Marchis, xxij daie of Octobre.”—*Rymer*, t. V, p. lii, p. 155.

Dies Martis.—The astronomical name of Tuesday.

Dies Mercatilis.—A market-day.

Dies Mercurii.—The astronomical name of Wednesday. Dr. Kuerden has transcribed a charter of Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln in 1271, in which the character of Mercury seems to have been used instead of the name: “Datum apud Pontefract. die ȝ proximo post festum S. Barnabæ Apostoli anno regis Henrici filii regis Johannis lvi.”—*MS. Collect.*, vol. IV, fo. H. 10, in the Heralds' College.

Dies Mercurinus.—Wednesday, in the statutes of Cardinal de Foix, in 1446.

Dies Mortis CHRISTI.—Good Friday.

Dies Muti.—Days, commonly in Passion Week, on which the bells were not allowed to be rung (see *Hebdomada Muta*). Ælfric, in his *Epist. ad Sacerdotes*, calls Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before Easter, the three mute or silent days: On þisum þnum ȝrig nihtum ge ȝeeolon ȝingan æt gæðene—[On these three mute days, ye shall sing all together (*MS. Tib.*, A. III, fo. 103 b.)] In the record of a privilege granted by Osbern, bishop of Exeter, to the monks of St. Nicholas, to strike their hours on the bells by day and night whenever they chose, according to the rules of their order, the day of the Passion, the eve of Easter, and the mass-day of the apostles Peter and Paul, are expressly excepted; and for this permission, they were to go in procession with the canons twice a year, on Palm Sunday and Christ's Ascension (*Hickes, Thes.* III; *Diss., Epist.* 18). These days were, consequently, mute days to the monks. Dr. Hickes has the following note on the words ȝ gieftær ȝunneue, in this record—“Ut infra Sunneue pro Sunðæge vel Sunðe1;” but is it not merely the Normanno-Saxon contraction of Sunnan æfne?—of Sunday eve to Sun-eve? The Saxons employed æfen in the sense of vigil, and if it be so here, the day intended is Saturday, which is one of the mute days mentioned by Ælfric. It may be added, that the author of the Latin description of this record has taken the

same view of the word *Sunneve*: “ Excepta nocte sequente diem incarnationis domini, vigilia diei paschæ, et SS. Petri et Pauli [festa]” (*Monast. Angl.*, t. II, p. 522, by *Ellis*). But in this there is as great an error—*parthenkt* is not the day after the incarnation, but the day of the passion, which is Good Friday—“ Solaque dies Parasceves dicitur Passio” (*Offic. Mozarab.*) What will, perhaps, better support this view of the date is, that this very eve is mentioned in the Ecclesiastical Constitutions of the time, it is supposed, of Ethelred, in such a manner that it cannot be misunderstood. Having stated that the sacrament must be taken every Sunday in Lent, the canon continues—“ So, also, on Thursday before Easter, and on Easter Eve, and on Easter Day, and all the days of Easter Week.” Spa eac on þunneſ þæg ær æſtƿum. ¶ on frige þæge. ¶ on eastron æfen. ¶ on eastron þæg. ¶ on'd ealle þa þagas þærne eastron pucan (*Can. 41*). Further, it may be observed that this form of speaking—Sun-eve for Sunday Eve, or Eve of Sunday, continued among our ancestors to the 14th century, and perhaps later :

“ Ech dai fram palmsone eue.  
Forte scher þorsdai,  
Oure lourde geode to betanye,  
¶ wyp Simon leprous lay.”

*Harl. MS. 2247, fo. 6.*

**Dies Mysteriorum.**—The day of the mysteries among the Christians of Syria and the Levant—Thursday before Easter, so called from the pantomimic representation of the circumstances preceding the passion, which is performed in the Eastern as well as the Western church on this day.

**Dies Natalis.**—The martyr's day, or the day of a saint's death, is affectedly termed his natal or birth-day; and, with less propriety, the anniversary of the elevation of a prince, pope, bishop, or other eminent person, is also called his birth-day. In this sense, Easter Day is the Natalis Dies of our Saviour; but the term *Natalis Domini* invariably points to Christmas—“ Die igitur Natalis Domini” (*Rot. Lit. Clauſar.*, p. xl, 5. See *Natalitium*).

**Dies Nativitatis Quinque.**—By this name are known the following five festivals—Christmas Day, St. Stephen's Day, St. John's Day, and the Day of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

**Dies Naturalis.**—The day of 24 hours (*Du Cange*). See *Day*.

**Dies Neophytorum.**—The six days between Easter and Quasimodo, or Low Sunday.

**Dies Non, or Dies non Juridici.**—Days on which no business is transacted in courts of law. Dies non, are Sunday, Ascension Day in Easter Term, St. John the Baptist in Trinity Term, All Saints and All Souls in Michaelmas Term, and the Purification in Hilary Term.—*Coke, 2d Inst.*, 264.

**Dies Osannæ.**—Palm Sunday.

**Dies Palmarum.**—Palm Sunday.

**Dies Pandicularis.**—All Saints' Day.

**Dies Paschæ, or Paschalisi.**—Easter Day. See *Pascha*.

**Dies Paschæ in tres Septimanis.**—The same day three weeks after Easter: “ Die Lunæ de die Paschæ in tres septimanis” [on Monday, in three weeks

after Easter Day. It is a date of frequent recurrence in parliamentary and other legal instruments. The French form, as it stands at the head and in the body of the first roll of Parliament, 1 Henry V, is—"Fait à remembrer, Qe Lundy le Qinzisme jour de May, q' feust le Lundy à trois Semaignes de Pasq, et le premier jour de parlement" (*Rot. Parl., tom. IV, p. 3*): Monday, May 8, 1433. See *Post tres Septimanas*,

*Dies Pentecostes*.—Pentecost, or Whitsunday.

*Dies Perdita*.—The lost day. Among the Dutch, Monday after Epiphany, when all the Christmas festivities terminate, is called *Verlooren Maendagh*, the lost Monday.—*Kylian, Etymol.*

*Dies Pingues*.—Fat Days, carnival days, which the French name, *Les Jours Gras*.

*Dies Polyturgici*.—Days on which the priest celebrated several masses. These days were Coena Domini, three days in the ember-weeks of Whitsuntide, and the Nativity.—*Card. Bona de Reb. Liturg., l. I, c. 18, s. 5, 6.*

*Dies Pulcra*.—Easter Day.

*Dies Quatuor*.—The four days between Shrove Tuesday and the first Sunday in Lent. Among the Germans, "Die vier Tage."—*Haltaus, Cal. Med. Aevi, p. 59.*

*Dies Ramorum*.—Palm Sunday.

*Dies Repetibilis*.—A day on which legal or other public questions were debated.

*Dies Resurrectionis*.—Easter Day.—*Benedict., Liber Pollicit., n. 43, 44.*

*Dies Rogationum*.—Days of the Rogations. See *Rogations*.

*Dies Sabbati*.—Saturday among Jews and Christians.

*Dies Sabeti*.—The same.—*Wilh. Wyreest., p. 470, 482, &c.*

*Dies Sacri*.—Days of truce.

*Dies Salax Lunæ*.—Monday in the carnival week among the Germans. Haltaus relates from Peifer, that it was an ancient custom among the young men at Leipzig to draw a plough through the streets during the carnival, in the manner, perhaps, of our Fool Plough at the conclusion of the Christmas festivities (see *v. I, p. 139*). From wantonness, the young men engaged in it were wont to yoke the young women whom they met, to the plough, as a punishment for having remained unmarried to this day. It happened in the carnival of 1494, that one of the persons belonging to the festal plough was attempting to force a spirited girl to the yoke, who escaped from his hands into a neighbouring house, into which he pursued her. Hastily seizing a knife, she wounded him mortally in the breast. On her trial she excused herself, on the ground that she had struck only a malevolent spectre, or evil spirit (*Halt., Cal. Med. Aevi, p. 54, 55*). The disguises used by the actors in *Julbok* evidently suggested this defence (see *vol. I, p. 126, 129*), and the affair occasioned the name of *Dies Salax*, which may mean either the slippery or the lascivious day, to be given to the Monday of Quinquagesima week.

*Dies Sancta*.—Easter Day.

*Dies Sancti*.—The holy days of Lent.

*Dies Sanctus*.—Sunday.

*Dies Saturni*.—The astronomical name of Saturday, the *Sæternes dæg* of the Saxons. Hector Boethius employs this term in stating a decree of William

of Scotland (1213), that Saturday should be kept holy, from twelve o'clock at noon until Monday morning: " Ut saturni dies Meridiei sacer esset," &c. —*Hist. Scot.*, l. XIII.

**Dies Scrutinii.**—The days on which candidates for baptism were examined. In general, there were seven scrutinies or examinations—the first and second on Monday, or Wednesday, and Saturday of the third week of Lent, and the remainder on Tuesday, and the four following days of the fourth week of Lent. Of these, Wednesday alone is named *Dies*, or *Feria Magni Scrutinii*.

**Dies Serviens.**—The day appointed for determining a controversy or suit.

**Dies Solis.**—The astronomical name of Sunday. This name of the day seems to have been used by Constantine the Great, in 321, when, by an edict, he prohibited all but agricultural labour on this day (see *Monthly Magaz.*, Sept. 1834). It is sometimes found instead of *Dies Dominica*; thus, in a conveyance executed by two clergymen—" Thomas de Farrington et Ric. Wodcoc, capellani," in 22 Henry VI, the date is, " Apud Kerden dies Solis ante festum Purificationis Virginis Mariæ." (*Harl. MSS., Codex 2042*, p. 320 b.)

**Dies Strenuarum.**—The day of New Year's gifts. See *Dominica post Strenas*.

**Dies Trinitatis.**—Day of the Trinity, which is the octave or Sunday of Pentecost: " Anno Gratiae 1162°, octava die Pentecostes, ecclesiae Cantuarensis festa die, die viz. Sanctæ Trinitatis."—*Stephanid, Vit. S. Thomæ Cant.*, p. 24.

**Dies trium Puerorum.**—See *Tres Pueri*.

**Dies trium Regum.**—The day of the three kings (of Cologne), Jan. 6 (see *Epiphania, Hypapanti*, &c.): " Datum anno Domini 1422, die trium regum. Dat is der hilgen dryer Konnige dage."—*Baring., Clav. Diplom.*, n. 53, p. 527.

**Dies Utiles.**—Work-days.

**Dies Veneris.**—The astronomical name of the sixth day of the week, Friday. The astronomical character of Venus occurs instead of the name of the day, in a deed transcribed by Dr. Kuerden—" Datum ♀ post festum S. Jacobi 20 Ric. II."—*MS. Collect.*, v. IV, fo. B. 14, in *Coll. Arm. Lond.*

**Dies Viginti.**—The twenty days from Christmas Day to the octave of the Epiphany. Du Cange quotes a letter of the year 1423, in which these twenty days are named little kings: " La veille des vingt jours nommés les Petites Roys."

**Dies Viridariæ**—The days appointed in the Forest Laws for surveying the forests and chaces.

**Dies Viridum.**—The day of greens, or verdure; " Holy Thursday, in old German—Der Grüne Donnerstag" (*Verific. des Dates*), the green Thursday. Both names are noticed in Hildebrand (*De Sanctis Diebus*, p. 67) and Haltaus (*Cal. Med. Ævi*, p. 81), but without any satisfactory explanation. Dresser, long before their time, attempted to account for the appellation of the green day, from the greenness or freshness of the martyred Saviour, who perpetually flourishes and lives: " Der grüne Donnerstag ex viriditate, propter passum Christum αιθαλη και αιζων (*De Fest. Dieb.*, p. 58). Popular names, however, are seldom founded upon abstruse considerations, but are mostly suggested by sensible objects, when they are not corruptions

of terms that are misunderstood. Adelung conjectures that *grüne* is a corruption of the low Lat. *carēna* (Fr., *carême*; old Engl., *karene*), the fast, a general name of lent (*Wörterbuch*, t. II, p. 822). In this case, which seems the most probable, the Latin, *Dies Viridium*, wherever it occurs, is only a translation of the German. The same day, in Lower Saxony, is called Good Thursday—*Der gute Donnerstag*.

**Dilun.**—Old Fr., Monday, from *Dien Lune*.

**Dimanche**, Dimence, Dimenche, Dimenge, Dismange, Dymenge, &c.—Sunday, in our Norman-French records. The first is also the modern French name, from the Latin, *Dominica Dies*.

**Dimanche Behourdich.**—See *Behourdi*.

**Dimanche Brandonner.**—Brand, Brandon, or Torch Sunday. See *Brandedes*.

**Dimanche des Oleries.**—See *Expectatio B. Mariae*; *Oleries*.

**Dimanche du Mois des Paques.**—The Sunday of Easter month; the first Sunday after Easter Day, also called *Clausum Paschæ*, *Low Sunday*, and *Quasimodo*.

**Dimanche Pashal.**—Easter Sunday.

**Dimanche Reprus, or Repus.**—Passion Sunday, so called from *repositus*, reserved or laid up, because, according to the Roman ritual, on the eve of that day the images of saints were covered.

**Dimar.**—Tuesday; old Fr., from *Dies Martis*.

**Dimense.**—Sunday.

**Dimenge Cabee.**—Among the Bearnois, a corruption of Dimanche *in capite*, which is Quinquagesima Sunday. See *Dominica in Capite Quadrage-time*.

**Dismissio Apostolorum.**—See *Festum Divisionis XII Apostolorum*.

**DIODORUS & MARIAN.**—Dec. 1. Martyred with many others at Rome, in the time of Stephen I. In the year cccccccclxxxvj, Stephen V collected their relics, and placed some in the Lateran, some in St. Peter's, and the rest in the church of the 12 Apostles. Same day, DIODORUS Alexandrinus, bp. of Cesaria in the time of Valens.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 12 & 13.

**DIONISIUS, DIONYSIUS.**—Oct. 9: G. 415. With Rusticus and Eleutherius, V. 431; T. 444. St. Denis and his companions, L. 470. Dionysius, or Denis, bp. of Paris and apostle of France, was martyred in 272, “with his two deacons, Rusticus and Eleutherius” (*Sax. Menol.*, *Jul. A. X.*) “vii id. Oct. Passio S. Dionysii Episcopi, et Translatio S. Richarii” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). The convention between King John and Wennue Fitz Hoen de Keneeliac, in 1208, is dated—“Apud Salopesbir’ vigilia beati Dionisii anno regis ejus x°” (*Rymer*, t. I, p. 132.) There were also—2, Dionysius, pope, who succeeded Xystus II, 259, Dec. 26 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 5)—3, Bp. Alexandria, 265, Nov. 17 (*P. de N.*, l. X, c. 69)—4, the Areopagite, 1st bp. of Athens, martyred 513, Oct. 3—5, the Carthusian, 1471, March 12.

**DIONYSIA & DATIVA.**—Dec. 6. Martyred with five others in the Vandalic persecution under Huneric.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 35.

**DISEN, or DISIBODE.**—Sept. 8. An Irish bp., 700.—*Brit. Sancta, par. II*, p. 120.

**Dismagne.**—Sunday.—*Cart. in Harl. MS.*, 2063, fo. 174.

**Dispersio Apostolorum.**—July 15. See *Festum Divisionis XII Apostolorum*.

**Disputatio Domini cum Doctoribus in Templo.**—First Sunday after Epiphany.

**Distaff Day, Distaff's Day.**—The day after Twelfth Day.

**Diva, Divus.**—Godess, God, are titles applied to saints—“ I shall add nothing (says Dr. Middleton) more to this, than that whatever worship was paid by the ancients to their heroes or inferior deities, the Romanists now pay to their saints and martyrs, as their own inscriptions plainly declare, which, like those of St. Martina and the Pantheon, generally signify, that the honours which of old had been impiously given in that place to the false god, are now piously and rightly transferred to the Christian saint—or, as one of their celebrated poets expresses himself in regard to St. George—

*Ut Martem Latii, sic nos te, Dive Georgi  
Nunc colimus, &c.*

and every where through Italy, one sees their sacred inscriptions speaking the pure language of paganism, and ascribing the same powers, characters, and attributes to their saints, which had formerly been ascribed to their heathen gods, as the few exhibited here will evince :—

“ *Popish Inscriptions:* ”

- 1.—Marie et Francisce Tutelares mei.
  - 2.—Divo Eustorgio qui huic templo praesidet.
  - 3.—Numini Divi Georgi. Pollentis. Potentis. Invicti.
  - 4.—Divis Praestitibus iuvantibus. Georgio. Stephanoque cum deo opt. max.
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“ *Pagan Inscriptions:* ”

- 1.—Mercurio et Minervae Diis tutelaribus.
- 2.—Dii qui huic templo praesident.
- 3.—Numini Mercurii sacr. Herculi. Victorii. Pollenti. Potenti. Invicto. Praestiti Iovi.
- 4.—Diis Deabusque. cum Iove.

“ Boldonius censures the author of the last inscription, for the absurdity of putting the saints before God himself, and imitating too closely the ancient inscription which I have set against it, where the same impropriety is committed with regard to Jupiter” (*Letter from Rome*). On this passage, Dr. Wiseman has the following remarks, in his *Letters to J. Poynder, Esq.*,—a work which, as abundantly as unintentionally, confirms the justice of Dr. Middleton’s strongest censures :—“ To make it a crime to use the same words as the Romans did in the dedication of a temple, while we write in the same language, is placing us in a sad dilemma between heathenism and barbarity. Yet I find that in the dedication of your churches to saints, which is, after all, a more serious matter than the forms in which it is done, the words used by the Pagans are to be read ; the church is styled *aedis*, or *templum* ; God is *Opt. Max.*, as Jupiter was ; the saints are called *Divus*—the building is said to be sacred to them ; and I find all your Latin writers, who affect elegance, making use of these and similar words without scruple” (*Lett. III, p. 37*). This is merely a demurrrer—the fact is admitted ; the plea in justi-

fication is, that others are equally guilty. With reference to the Popish adoption of Pagan inscriptions, and the instances adduced by Dr. Middleton, out of *Boldonii Epigraphica*, p. 49, 348, 422, 649, in the first of which two saints are called "Tutelares mei," Dr. Wiseman says—"I can see no harm in it." Perhaps not, but it is not the less opposed to Christianity; and even common sense teaches that we have no guardians but the Supreme Being: "Thou shalt have no other gods but me." Of the other inscriptions he says—"the second happens only to be like a phrase in Cicero, which surely is no sin, and contains besides, in the original, a clear distinction between God and the saint; the third is garbled and dismembered; the fourth, composed by *Polo* [*Pola* is the name used by *Boldonius*], is quoted by *Boldonius* only to be criticised in the severest terms, as a most unjustifiable imitation of a Pagan form." On examination, it will be found that Dr. Middleton has, for the sake of brevity, only omitted a few words, which do not in the slightest degree militate against his argument. He has adopted the same mode in his fourth inscription, which is the fifth in *Boldonius*, p. 49. It is true that the inscription is quoted by this critic for the purpose of indignant censure, as putting religion in peril for the sake of antiquity; but of what use is this fact to Dr. Wiseman? It proves that there is a pagano-popish inscription so impious, as to shock even a Papist. As Dr. Wiseman has dared to impeach the integrity of a man like Dr. Middleton, the reader is reminded of Dr. Wiseman's dishonest conduct in his controversy with Professor Turton, by whom he has been very justly pilloried. Dr. Middleton, had he chosen, could have given a hundred other inscriptions, if there had been the least necessity. Another specimen of impiety may be seen in the inscription "Diae Mariae," in *Boldon.*, p. 193. The very expression, "in divos referre," for a pagan apotheosis, is used for the canonization of a saint, and there can be little doubt that there are knaves to pretend (and fools to believe them), that they have the power of opening the gates of Heaven at pleasure. What might be a pardonable error among Heathens, becomes impiety little short of blasphemy among Christians. The abuse of the words *divus* and *diva* prevails more among foreign than domestic writers; all the saints in Polydore Vergil are gods and goddesses, and even Erasmus himself has not escaped the contagion of example. Though Bede has, in several of his sermons and homilies, misemployed these terms, the Saxons in general have evinced a truer sense of religion; their saints are merely holy men and women, and the author of the *kalendar*, *Galba*, who might have pleaded poetical licence, has avoided the use of this term. John of Salisbury censures the application of *divus* in this manner, as repugnant to Christianity: "Tractum est hinc nomen, quo principes virtutum titulis, et veræ fidel luce præsignes se divos audeant, nemus gaudeant appellari, veteri quidem consuetudine etiam in vitio, et aduersus fidem catholicam obtinente."—*Polycrat.*, l. III, c. 10.

*Divisio Apostolorum*.—July 15. The charter for the foundation of the church of Condé is dated on the eve of this festival, for the origin of which, see *Festum Divisionis XII Apostolorum*: "In vigilia divisionis apostolorum anno 1243" (*Miræ Oper. Dipl.*, t. I, p. 759). In the Runic *kalendar*, the festival is named *Skildredr Apostla*, and is assigned to July 14. The Poles still celebrate this festival, in honor of a victory gained at Tanneberg over the Teutonic knights.

*Dixit Dominus*.—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. See *Dicit Dominus*

- Dominica de Carne levale, or levario.—Quinquagesima Sunday. Apparently, it is a mistake of Dom. de Carne levanda," made by Petr. Mallius.—*Ordo Rom. xi*, p. 159.
- Dominica de Centurione.—In the Gr. church, 4th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Christo docente.—In Gr. ch., 2nd Sunday of Advent.
- Dominica de decem Leprosis.—In Gr. ch., 3rd Sunday of Advent.
- Dominica de Divite et Lazaro.—In Gr. ch., 22nd Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de duobus Cœcis.—In Gr. ch., 7th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Filio Viduae.—In Gr. ch., 20th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Fontanis.—Midlent Sunday, in the Latin ch.
- Dominica de Interrogante Jesum Divite.—In Gr. ch., 12th Sunday after Pentecost; and with *Jurisconsulto* instead of *Divite*, the 15th Sunday.
- Dominica de Jerusalem.—Second Sunday in Advent. See *Dominica Jerusalem*, and *Festival, Festivitas*.
- Dominica de Lazaro.—At Milan, 5th Sunday in Lent.—*Martin.*, *Obs. de Ritu Ambros.*, p. 108.
- Dominica de habente Legionem.—In Gr. ch., 23rd Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Lignis Orditis.—See *Bohordicum*.
- Dominica de Lunatico.—In Gr. ch., 10th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Modicu.—Sunday between Litania Major and Ascensio Domini, in Liber Pollicit., n. 59, p. 107.
- Dominica de Muliere habente Spiritum Infirmitatis.—Advent Sunday, in Greek church.
- Dominica de Panibus.—Midlent Sunday, from the Gospel of the miraculous loaves, which is read on this day ; but in the Gr. ch., on the 8th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Parabola Regis.—In the Gr. ch., 11th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Parabola Seminis.—In the Gr. ch., 23rd Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Parabola Vineæ.—In Gr. ch., 13th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Paralytico.—In Gr. ch., 6th Sunday after Pentecost. See *Dominica Paralytici*.
- Dominica de Passione.—Passion Sunday. "Dominica de Passione, quæ est quinta quadragesimæ."—*Amel. de Ceremoniis*, n. 52, p. 474.
- Dominica de Pastor Bonus.—The second Sunday after Easter. See *Ego sum Pastor bonus*.
- Dominica de Prodigio.—See *Dominica Asoti*.
- Dominica de Publicano et Phariseo.—In Gr. ch., 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.
- Dominica de quinque Panibus et decem Piscibus.—In Gr. ch., 8th Sunday after Pentecost.
- Dominica de Quintana.—Quadragesima Sunday, the first in Lent, in a charter of an. 1200. See *Dominica Quintana*.
- Dominica de Rosa.—Two days are called Rose Sunday—one is Midlent Sunday, when the pope consecrates a golden rose; hence the day is called *Dominica de Rosa* or *Rosæ*, or *Dominica Rosata*: "Dominica Quadragesimæ, quæ vocatur de Rosa, seu Lætare Jerusalem" (*Amel. de Cærem.*, n. 48, p. 470). Sunday, in the octaves of the Ascension, from a custom of strewing roses over the floor of the church in which the pope officiated, was also called *Dominica de Rosa*, and with greater propriety, *Dominica de Rosis*. The latter name is also applied to Midlent Sunday, as in the Ordo Roman. and elsewhere.

**Dominica de, or in Rosis.**—Properly, Sunday in the octaves of the Ascension. Benedict, canon of St Peter's before the year 1143, mentions the D. de Rosis as occurring after the Ascension, and before Pentecost (*Lib. Pollicit.*, n. 50); but he afterwards calls the same day *D. de Rosa*, which is also the name of Midlent Sunday; and he explains it as allusive to a shower of roses, that fell in the form of the Holy Ghost from the roof of S. Maria Rotunda, during the pope's sermon on the descent of the Holy Ghost: “Dominica de Rosa, statio ad sanctam Mariam Rotundam ubi Pontifex debet cantare missam, et in praedicatione de Adventu Spiritus Sancti, quia de altitudine templi mittuntur rosæ in figura ejusdem Spiritus Sancti” (n. 61, p. 148). *Rosa* was a name given to the blood of Christ in the Eucharist: St. Ambrose, in *Ps. 118*, alluding to its colour, says—“Cernis Rosam, hoc est dominici corporis sanguinem” (*Du Cange*, t. V, col. 1496). For the origin of these names, see *Rose Sunday*.

**Dominica de Samaritana.**—The second Sunday in Lent in the Ambrosian ritual (*Martin.*, *Obs. in Rit. Ambr.*, p. 108). See *Dominica Samaritani*.

**Dominica de Transfiguratione.**—Second Sunday in Lent.

**Dominica de Venatione Piscium.**—In Gr. ch., 18th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Dominica de Vexatis a Dæmone.**—In Gr. ch., 5th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Dominica de Vocatis ad Nuptias.**—In Gr. ch., the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

**Dominica Duplex.**—Trinity Sunday; because it is also the first Sunday after Pentecost.

**Dominicæ Adventus.**—See *Dom. prima, secunda, &c.; Adventus*.

**Dominicæ Principales et Solennes.**—There are five chief and solemn Sundays, which have some rites common among themselves, but distinct from other Sundays; these are Advent Sunday, Septuagesima, the first and fourth Sundays of Lent, and Palm Sunday.—*Durand.*, *Rat. Div. Off.*, *Lib. VII*, cap. 1.

**Dominicæ Vacantes.**—Those Sundays which follow the Saturdays of the Quarter Temper (*Quatuor Tempora*), or Ember Weeks, are so called, because the services of such Saturdays, being formerly celebrated late at night, did not leave time enough for the performance of the proper service of the Sunday. Hence, these Sundays were said to be vacant, because they had no service. See *Dominica Vacans*.

**Dominica Exaudi.**—Sixth Sunday after Easter.—*Bed.*, *Oper.*, t. VII, p. 46.

**Dominica Excarnarium.**—Quinquagesima Sunday.—*Theod. Studitæ Serm.* 49, 50; *Bibl. Patr.*, t. II, p. 619.

**Dominica Filii Prodigii.**—See *Dominica Aæoti*.

**Dominica Gaudete.**—Third Sunday in Advent, from the introit, “Gaudete in domino.”

**Dominica Gaudii.**—Easter Day.

**Dominica Hosannæ.**—Palm Sunday.

**Dominica in Albis.**—Low Sunday, which the Germans call White Sunday—“Der weise Suntag” (*Dresser de Fest. Diebus*, p. 66), and which is the Sunday after our White Sunday. L'Estrange inquires; “Why *in albis*, and not rather *post Albas*? considering that they deposited and laid aside their whites upon the eve of this day, called *Clausum Paschæ?*” (*Alliance of Divine Offices*, p. 155). It is called *Dominica in Albis Depositis* in the Ambrosian Missal, and probably elsewhere originally. See *Dominio post Albas*.

**Dominica in Capite.**—*Quinquagesima Sunday.* “*Quadragesimæ*” is here understood.

**Dominica Indulgencie.**—Pardon, or Palm Sunday, which was called the Sunday of indulgence, not because penitence was relaxed—for throughout the week that was most rigid—but because the excommunicated were readmitted (see *Dominica Competentium*), pardon was granted to criminals in prison, and debtors were forgiven (*Ambros.*, *Serm. 33, ad Sororem*). In the time of Hildebrand, any criminal at Paris might be discharged from prison on the intercession of the bishop (*De Diebus Sanctis*, p. 66). See *Pardon Sunday*.

**Dominica Inferius**—Low Sunday. “*Paschæ* is sometimes added to “*Inferius*.”

**Dominica in Palmis.**—Palm Sunday.

**Dominica in Passione Domini.**—Sunday in our Lord’s Passion, the fifth Sunday in Lent, and sometimes all Sundays in Lent. Robert, bp. of London, delivered up the great seal 6 Ric. II, “*die Martis proxime post diem dominicam in Passione, videlicet, decimo die Martii, anno præsenti*” (1383).—*Rymer*, t. IV, p. 162.

**Dominica in Ramis Palmarum.**—Palm Sunday. The death of Richard I is dated, in *Annal. Monast. Burton*, “*Decessit autem viii idus Aprilis, feria iii ante dominicam in ramis palmarum, xi die postquam percussus fuerat*” (*Gale, Script. Angl.*, t. I, p. 256). Others say that he died on the tenth or twelfth day after his wound *Rymer*, t. I, p. 74). See *Marie day in Leinte*.

**Dominica Invocabit.**—See *Invocavit me*.

**Dominica Jerusalem.**—Midlent Sunday. See *Lætare Jerusalem*.

**Dominica Jubilate.**—The third Sunday after Easter (*Bed. Oper.*, t. VII, p. 22). See *Jubilate Omnis Terra*.

**Dominica Lætare.**—Midlent Sunday. See *Lætare Jerusalem*.

**Dominica Lazari.**—Palm Sunday.

**Dominical Letters.**—The Solar Cycle is a revolution of twenty-eight years, beginning with 1, and ending with 28, after which they begin again, and end the same as before, whence the name cycle, a circle. In this cycle there are two sorts of years—the common, consisting of 365 days, or 52 weeks and 1 day, and bissextile or leap years, consisting of 366 days, or 52 weeks and two days. The common year ends on the same day of the week with which it began, because it consists of 52 weeks and 1 day, and leap-years end on the morrow of the day with which they began. If a common year begin on a Monday, it will end on a Monday, and Tuesday will be the first day of the next or new year; but the leap year will end on Tuesday, and Wednesday will be the new year’s day. Thence it follows, that if there were only common years, their commencements, as well as those of the months, would successively run through all the days of the week without interruption, and produce a cycle of seven years. But as there are leap years, which derange this order every fourth year, the commencements of the year must pass through the seven days of the week, in order to a series of years perfectly like the first, in regard to the days of the month and the week. This is the foundation of the solar cycle, composed of 28 years; for 7 multiplied by 4, or 4 by 7, are 28.

The Western Christians, to facilitate the finding of Easter Sunday, as well as other days, represented the days of the week by the first seven letters of the alphabet, whence result several easy and useful problems; but the Eastern Christians employed the more troublesome method of the figures called Concurrents and Regulars, to find the proper day of the week, and the first days of each month. The Dominical Letters are A, B, C, D, E, F, G, which point to the Sunday throughout the whole course of the solar cycle, and they shift backwards, so that they stand thus in the cycle—G, F, E, D, C, B, A, which Bede expresses in the versicle—

Grandia, Frendet Equus, Dum Cernit Belliger Arma."

In kalendars, except *Galba* (where the letters of the word *Angelus* are used), these letters are placed against the days of the month—A to Jan. 1, B to Jan. 2, and so on, ending A, Dec. 31; and when A is the dominical or Sunday letter of the year, B is Monday, C, Tuesday, and so on: if G be the Sunday letter, A is Monday, and so on. In a Bissextile year there are two dominical letters, the first of which denotes Sunday from the beginning of the year to the time of the intercalation, Feb. 24, and the other does the same service for the rest of the year. Now, as there are 7 intercalations or leap-days in the space of 28 years, or the solar cycle, it follows that the dominical letter is 7 times double in this cycle. The first year of the solar cycle has the letters G, F, and the 28th, or last, year has A. Hence, if the year of the cycle be known, the corresponding letter is readily found.

*To find the Cycle of the Sun, and the Dominical Letter corresponding to it, for any Julian Year of Christ:—* Add 9 to the proposed year, because the Christian era commenced in the 10th cycle of the sun, so that there were nine complete cycles before it—and divide the sum by 28. The quotient gives the number of cycles passed, and the remainder is the year of the cycle required: if no remainder, 28 is the cycle. If the dominical letter of 1461 be required, adding 9 we have 1470, which, divided by 28, gives a quotient of 52 solar cycles, and a remainder of 14 years of another cycle, to which the letter D belongs. Owing to the change which was made in the kalendar, this method will not answer for the Gregorian years, which were introduced into English computation in 1752.

*To find the Dominical Letters in the Gregorian Years:—* Place the letters and figures in the following order—

A	G	F	E	D	C	B
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

To the given year add its fourth part, omitting fractions; divide the sum by 7, and the remainder will give the figure over which the dominical letter of that year is found. By adding 12 (the difference between the old and new style) to any year previous to 1752, and dividing by 7, the dominical letter will be found.

The following Tables of the Solar Cycle will serve to ascertain the Dominical Letters for the Julian and Gregorian years:—

<i>Old Style, from A. D. 1 to 1752.</i>								<i>New Style, from 1753 to 2000.</i>							
1 . G F	8 .. E	15 .. C	22 .. A	1 .. G	8 . F E	15 .. D	22 .. B	2 .. E	9 . D C	16 .. B	23 .. G	2 .. F	9 .. D	16 . C B	23 .. G
3 .. D	10 .. B	17 . A G	24 .. F	3 .. E	10 .. C	17 .. A	24 . A F	4 .. C	11 .. A	18 .. F	25 . E D	4 . D C	11 .. B	18 .. G	25 .. E
5 . B A	12 .. G	19 .. E	26 .. C	5 .. B	12 . A G	19 .. F	26 .. D	6 .. G	13 . E F	20 .. D	27 .. B	6 .. A	13 .. F	20 . E D	27 .. C
7 .. F	14 .. D	21 . C B	28 .. A	7 .. G	14 .. E	21 .. C	28 . B A								

By the following Table, the Dominical Letter or Letters may be found for any year before the Old Style, by simple inspection :—

### OLD STYLE.

Years less than One Hundred.				CENTURIES.							
				0 700 1400	100 800 1500	200 900 1600	300 1000 1700	400 1100 1800	500 1200 1900	600 1300 2000	
0	28	56	84	D C	E D	F E	G F	A G	B A	C B	
1	29	57	85	B	C	D	E	F	G	A	
2	30	58	86	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
3	31	59	87	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	
4	32	60	88	F E	G F	A G	B A	C B	D C	E D	
5	33	61	89	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	
6	34	62	90	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	
7	35	63	91	B	C	D	E	F	G	A	
8	36	64	92	A G	B A	C B	D C	E D	F E	G F	
9	37	65	93	F	G	A	B	C	D	E	
10	38	66	94	R	F	G	A	B	C	D	
11	39	67	95	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	
12	40	68	96	C B	D C	E D	F E	G F	A G	B A	
13	41	69	97	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
14	42	70	98	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	
15	43	71	99	F	G	A	B	C	D	E	
16	44	72		E D	F E	G F	A G	B A	C B	D C	
17	45	73		C	D	E	F	G	A	B	
18	46	74		B	C	D	E	F	B	A	
19	47	75		A	B	C	D	E	G	F	
20	48	76		G F	A G	B A	C B	D C	E D	F E	
21	49	77		E	F	G	A	B	C	D	
22	50	78		D	E	F	G	A	B	C	
23	51	79		C	D	E	F	G	A	B	
24	52	80		B A	C B	D C	E D	F E	G F	A G	
25	53	81		G	A	B	C	D	E	F	
26	54	82		F	G	A	B	C	D	E	
27	55	83		E	F	G	A	B	C	D	

A Table of Concurrents and Dominical Letters is useful, to shew the first and last day of any year of which the Letter is known, and also the Dominical Letter of any series of years, when the Letter beginning that series is known. Common years, as before stated, consist of 52 weeks and 1 day, and leap years of 52 weeks and 2 days. These supernumerary days are called the Concurrents, because they concur or run with the solar cycle (see *Concurrentium Locus*). The first year of this cycle takes the Dominical Letter F, and the concurrent 1—the second E, 2, and so on :

G	F	E	D	C	B	A						
7	1	2	3	4	5	6						
A	G	G	F	F	E	D	D	C	C	B	B	A
A Mon.	A Tue.	A Wed.	A Thu.	A Frid.	A Satu.	A Sun.						
B Tue.	B Wed.	B Thu.	B Frid.	B Satu.	B Sun.	B Mon.						
C Wed.	C Thu.	C Frid.	C Satu.	C Sun.	C Mon.	C Tue.						
D Thu.	D Frid.	D Satu.	D Sun.	D Mon.	D Tue.	D Wed.						
E Frid.	E Satu.	E Sun.	E Mon.	E Tue.	E Wed.	E Thu.						
F Satu.	F Sun.	F Mon.	F Tue.	F Wed.	F Thu.	F Frid.						
G Sun.	G Mon.	G Tue.	G Wed.	G Thu.	G Frid.	G Satu.						

The following verse is given in some works, to find the day of the week on which any month begins, the initial letters being the Dominical Letters that stand against those days in the kalendars :

A t D over D well G eorge B rown, E squire,  
G ood C hristopher F inch A nd D avid F riar.

In charters, the Dominical Letters are sometimes expressed by their rank in the alphabet, as Littera i. for A, Littera ii. for B. They are often mentioned in dates; thus, the abbot of St. Petersborough tells that St. Guthlac died on Wednesday, April 11, in these terms—" In the year 714 died St. Guthlac, on the 4th day of Easter week, when the Sunday Letter was G."—*Chron. Peterib.*, an. 714.

Anciently, the Sunday Letter was changed at other times than January 1, according to the commencement of the year. Du Cange extracts an observation from an ancient MS., that the Golden Numbers and Sunday Letters are changed annually at the Ascension; but in the year of the Incarnation in France, at the Annunciation,—and in some countries at the Nativity : " Nota quod numerus lunaris et littera dominicalis mutantur annuatim in Festo Ascensionis: anno vero Incarnationis Domini mutantur in terra ista in Festo Annuntiationis B. Marie, et in quibusdam regionibus in Festo Nativitatis Domini" (*Gloss.*, tom. I., col. 463). In the Saxon kalendar V. 424, the Concurrents and Dominical Letters are directed to be changed at March 1, which of course applies to those who commenced the year at that day. The wrong letters are given to the years 1330, 1333, and

1387, in the Annales of Wilhelm Wyrcestre, where we find D for G, G for C, and C for E.

**Dominica LUCÆ**, prima, secunda, &c.—In the Gr. ch., the 18th Sunday after Pentecost is called the first of St Luke, because they begin to read his Gospel; and they count thirteen of these Sundays, of which the tenth answers to our Advent Sunday, and the last to the fourth Sunday of Advent. These Sundays are also named from the subject of the Gospel read on each: thus, the first Sunday of Luke is *Dominica de Venatione Piscium*—the second, *de amandis Inimicis*, &c.

**Dominica LUOÆ decima quinta, sive ZACCHÆI.**—The second Sunday after Epiphany, when the Greeks resumed the Gospel of St. Luke.

**Dominica LUOÆ duodecima.**—The Greek 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.

**Dominica Magna.**—Palm Sunday.—*Fest. Anglo-Rom.*, 1678.

**Dominica Mapparum Albarum.**—Second Sunday after Easter.

**Dominica Mater.**—Our Lord's Mother: “De celebritate festivitatis dominice matris.”—*Concil. Hispan.*, t. III, col. 2.

**Dominica MATTHÆI**, prima, secunda, tertia, &c.—The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, &c. Sundays after Whitsunday among the Greeks, who, on these days, read the Gospel of St. Matthew, divided into sections. The first of these Sundays answers to our first after Whitsuntide.

**Dominica Mediana.**—Passion Sunday. Folcuin, in his Chronicle, calls this day Mediana Octava—perhaps because it is the eighth Sunday from Septuagesima. The week which precedes this Sunday is also called *Hebdomada Mediana*. The reason of this is, that when the six weeks of Lent were equally divided, the first week of the second part was called *Hebdomada Mediana*, which was the first of the Roman Lent; and because that fast began on the Monday of *Mediana*, Passion Sunday was also called *Mediana*.—See *Mabillon, Musæum Ital.*, t. II; *Ordo Rom.*, p. xxvii.

**Dominica Media xl, or Media Quadragesima.**—Midlent Sunday is often written with the Roman notation of 40. Wikes, *an.* 1283, dates—“Dominica media xl. scil. v kal. Aprilis” (p. 111), which quadrates with the time; Easter fell on April 18, and March 25 was Midlent Sunday.

**Dominica Mensis Paschæ.**—Sunday of Easter Month; Low Sunday.

**Dominica Modo Geniti.**—Low Sunday. See *Quasimodo*.

**Dominica Nova, Kupiakη Νεα.**—In the Gr. church, the first Sunday after Easter (see *Antipascha*). Athanasius and Greg. Nazianzen have homilies on this day.—*Naz.*, *Orat.* 43.

**Dominica Olivarum.**—Palm Sunday.

**Dominica Orthodoxiaæ.**—The 1st Sunday of Lent among the Greeks, and so named on account of the restoration of image worship: on this day they chanted creeds, and pronounced curses on those who would not believe in them. “Ορθοδοξία. Fuisse hanc primam dominicam quadragesimæ diserte docet Philotheus, *Homil. in Prima Dom. Quadrag.*”—“In ea dominica Codinus, *Lib. de Offic.* innuit recitare solitum adstante imperatore Synodicum. Vldetur significare formulam fidei, sive anathematismos in hæreses a synodis.”—*Possin. Gloss. in Pachymerii Hist. Andronic.*, p. 501.

**Dominica Osanna, or Osannæ.**—Palm Sunday, on which the hymn “Osanna in excelsis” was sung.

**Dominica Palmarum.**—Palm Sunday.

**Dominica Paralyticæ.**—Third Sunday after Easter, which the Greeks account the first.

**Dominica post Albas.**—The same day as *Dominica in Albis*, and for the same reason. On this day, the Pope gives a little wax amulet in the form of a ball, called the Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*), to the faithful. Cardinal Bellarmin traces the origin of this custom to the pagan *sigillaria*. In other respects, the *Agnus Dei* resembles the *praetexta* and *bulla* worn as amulets by the Roman youth; the latter was in the form of a heart, and worn upon the breast (*Macrob. Sat.*, l. I, c. 6). It was also a custom to suspend round the neck of infants a piece of metal, in the form of the male organ of generation, in order to avert fascination (*Varro de Ling. Lat.*, l. VI.) Bellarmin mentions the superstitious qualities ascribed to it by the ancient Romans, and defends the adoption of it, on the ground that the modern Romanists have only turned a pagan custom to a Christian use; but, admitting this, of what advantage is it to adopt heathen absurdities and superstitions? The *Agnus Dei* resembles the Roman amulet in its marvellous properties, and is granted and worn for precisely the same purpose. Amalarius Fortunatus (quoted by Casalius, attempts to shew some mystic properties of the *Agnus Dei*—as, for instance, in the wax, which betokens the humanity of Christ, and so on. —*De Eccles. Off.*, l. I, c. 17.

**Dominica post Ascensionem Domini.**—Sunday, in the octave of the Ascension.

**Dominica post Cineres.**—The first Sunday in Lent. This is also written *D. post Cinerum*.

**Dominica post Clausum Paschæ.**—The second Sunday after Easter.

**Dominica post Exaltationem Crucis.**—In the Gr. church, the 17th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Dominica post Focos, or post Ignes.**—The second Sunday in Lent.—See *Brandones*.

**Dominica post Lumina Sancta.**—The first Sunday after the Epiphany, among the Greeks. For the reason of the name, see *Epiphania*.

**Dominica post Strenas.**—The first Sunday in the New Year. *Strenæ*, new-year's gifts among the Romans (v. I, p. 181), were also the presents made to cardinals on their ordination, according to Godefride, in his notes to the History of Charles VII of France. The verb *strenare* was employed, in the middle ages, to signify the sending of new-year's gifts. From this use of the word, the Latin church had *Dies Strenarum* (the day of new-year's gifts, or our Boxing Day), which furnishes the French with their *Jour d'Etrennes*, or new-year's day, whence *etrenne*, the first thing a merchant sells when he opens his shop, and *etrenner*, to buy the first of a thing, and to put on clothes for the first time.

**Dominica prima Adventus.**—The first Sunday of Advent, and the commencement of the liturgic year; it is now the fourth from Christmas (see *Advent*). The introit of the mass, which sometimes gives name to the day, is “*Ad te levavi.*” This Sunday answers to the *Κυριακὴ δεκατη τοῦ Λυκοῦ* of the Greek church, or the tenth of those Sundays on which the Gospel of St. Luke is read, *ch. viii* (see *Dominica Lucæ prima*). Mirk's homily on this day explains the Latin name in a very plain way:—þys day ys kalleð þe fyrest Sonday yn þe aduent, þ' ys Sonday in Crystes comyng. Wherfore þe

- day holy chyrch makyth mencyon of tow comynges of Crist ; þ<sup>e</sup> fvrst comyng of Cristes sone of heuen was to bye monkynd out of þ<sup>e</sup> Deles bondage, and to bryng alle gode doores in to þe blysse þ<sup>e</sup> euer schal last : and of hys ob<sup>r</sup> comyng þ<sup>e</sup> shal ben at þe day of dome, for the dome of alle wykked doores in to þe put of helle for euer more."—*Cott. MS., Claud. A II, fo. 2.*
- Dominica prima ante Natale Domini.**—The second Sunday of Advent, in a Roman kalendar of about an. 888 (*Du Cange*). See *Advent*.
- Dominica Privilegiata.**—The first Sunday of Lent, from the freedom and indulgencies given to servants. The Germans called it "Der befreyete Sonntag," the freed Sunday.
- Dominica Publicani et Pharisei.**—The 6th Sunday after the Epiphany among the Greeks, from the Gospel of that day. See *Dominica de Publicano & Phariseo*.
- Dominica Quadragesimæ.**—The first Sunday in Lent, formerly called Sonday in Quadragesime. Mirk, in his sermon "*De Dominica Quadragesimæ*," says—" þis day is callyd in holy chyrch Sonday in quadragesime ; þan is quadragesime a nombur of fourty for fro þis day to astur day ben fourty dayes þe teyyes dayes of þe gere, and for vche mon doth surfete vche day more or lesse þ' for to makon satysface'on for þ' gylte vche mon is holdon be þe law of god and holy chyrch to faston þese fourty dayes."—*Cott. MS. Claud. A. II, fo. 43.*
- Dominica Quadranginta.**—Properly, the first Sunday in Lent.
- Dominica quarta Adventus.**—The fourth Sunday of Advent, which is next to Christmas. The introit was anciently "Memento nostri," but is now "Rorate Cœli." This Sunday was also named from "Canite Tuba in Sion."—See *Dominica de Canite Tuba*.
- Dominica Quinquagesimæ.**—Quinquagesima Sunday, formerly Sunday in Quinquagesime; thus, in the ancient homily *De Dominica Quinquagesimæ*, by John Mirk, it is announced in these terms—" Gode men, þis is called in Holy Chyrch Sonday in Quinquagesime : þan schul ge knowe þat þis worde quinquagesime is a nombur of fyfty, þe whiche monbur betokeneth remission and ioy ; for in þe olde lawe vche fyfty gere alle men and women þt weren oueresette w<sup>t</sup> seruice of bondage, þey weren makode fre in grete joy and merthe to hem."—*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 40.*
- Dominica Quintana, Quintans, or de Quintana.**—The first Sunday in Lent, and so called because it is the fifth from Easter. Du Cange quotes a charter of an. 1240, in which, he says, "Dominica Quintana" occurs for Passion Sunday, and is taken from the game of quintain; but the quintain was a game played on the first Sunday of Lent (see *Behourdi*; *Bordea*); and in all probability received its own name from the day, instead of communicating one to so solemn a day as Passion Sunday.
- Dominica Ramis Palmarum.**—Palm Sunday.—*Caremon. Roman., edit. jussu Gregor. X ; Mabillon, t. II, p. 236.*
- Dominica Refectionis.**—Refreshment Sunday, the fourth in Lent. Wheatley (*On the Comm. Pr. Book*) says—"The reason of which name is the Gospel for that day, which treats of our Saviour's miraculous feeding 5000 ; or else perhaps from the first lesson in the morning, which gives the story of Joseph entertaining his brethren." Either reason might suffice, but that from the Gospel must have the preference : from the five loaves used in the miracle,

Midlent Sunday was named also *Dominica de Panibus*, and the French still call it *Les Pains*.

**Dominica Reliquiarum.**—Relic Sunday, the first after the Translation of St. Thomas, July 8. “Dominica prima post festum translationis S. Thomæ celebretur festum reliquiarum” (*Kal. Portifor. Sarisburicense*; edit. 1528). See *Relic Sunday*.

**Dominica Resurrectionis.**—This name does not always denote Easter Day, the festival in commemoration of the Resurrection; but it is sometimes taken for any Sunday in the year: “Primo Dominicæ Resurrectionis nomine intelligi non ipsum festum Paschæ sed quemlibet dominicum diem, ut apud Gregorium Turonensem Episcopum, aliosque veteres scriptores” (*Mabillon, Comment. in Ord. Roman.*, p. civ.) The passage alluded to is, perhaps, “Hic est dies resurrectionis domini nostri Iesu Christi, quem nos proprie Dominicum pro sancta resurrectione vocamus” (*Greg. Turon. Hist.*, l. I, c. 22). In the mandate to preach up the Judaical observance of Sunday, which the abbot Eustace pretended to have received from Heaven, the first day of the week is so named (*Rog. de Hoved., Script. post Bedam*, p. 821). But in a letter of the prior of Mount St. Michael to the king, in 1274, Easter Day is obvious—“Die Lunæ post Resurrectionem Domini” (*Rymer*, t. I, p. ii, p. 510). As the first day of the week was dedicated to our Saviour, in commemoration of his resurrection, the primitive Christians deemed it improper to kneel in the prayers on Sunday, lest it should seem to deny the truth of that resurrection; at least, such is the reason assigned by Durandus, *de Die Cinerum*—“Non dicitur, Flectite genua. Nam qui die dominico genua flectit, dominum surrexisse negat.”—*Hildebrand, de Dieb. Sanctis*, p. 10.

**Dominica Rogationum.**—Rogation Sunday, the 5th after Easter. See *Litania Minor*, and *Rogation Sunday*.

**Dominica Rosæ, de Rosa, or Rosata.**—Midlent Sunday, on which the pope consecrates a golden rose, which was usually presented to some person of distinction, at home or abroad. This custom is said to have commenced in 1526—others say it began with Urban V, in 1370, but they are both mistaken, for it was done by Innocent III, in 1190. At the beginning of the Reformation, Leo X sent a consecrated rose by his legate, Charles a Miltitz, to Frederic, elector of Saxony, in order to induce him to withdraw his protection from Luther (*Hildebrand, de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 59). At Rome, the same name is given to Sunday in the octave of the Ascension. See *Dominica de Rosa—de Rosis*.

**Dominica Samaritani.**—Among the Greeks, the 5th Sunday in Lent, which is our fourth. To avoid mistake, see *Dominica de Samaritano*.

**Dominica Sancta, or Sancta in Pascha.**—Holy Sunday; Easter Sunday.

**Dominica Sanctæ Trinitatis.**—Trinity Sunday, the 1st after Pentecost.

**Dominica secunda Adventus.**—The 2nd Sunday of Advent is the 3rd from Christmas, but it is called *Dominica prima ante Natale Domini*, in *Kal. Rom.*, circu an. 800. The introit is “Populus Sion;” and among the Greeks, it is *Dominica undecima Lucae*, or *de Vocatis ad Nuptias*. This Sunday, Mirk takes to be a token of the Advent at the day of judgment:—“The seconde comyng of Crist to þe dome shal ben at þe day of dom for the dome of alle wykked doores in to þe put of helle for euer more.”—*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II*, fo. 2 b.

**Dominica secunda ante Natale Domini.**—The 3rd Sunday of Advent, in *Kal. Rom., circā an. 800, apud Du Cange, t. II, v. Dominica.*

**Dominica Septuagesimæ.**—Septuagesima Sunday, formerly called Sunday in Septuagesime.

**Dominica Sexagesimæ.**—Sexagesima Sunday, formerly Sunday in Sexagesime, as in Mirk's homily *De Dominica Sexagesimæ*—“ þis day is called in holy chyche, Sunday in Sexagesime : ge schul knowe wel þ<sup>t</sup> sexagesime is sette for a nombur of þre score þe wyche nombur ge schul vnderstonde þ<sup>t</sup> holy chyreh techeth boþe men and women to þenke how shorte is manne lyf now in our dayes, or it was in holde tyme before.”—*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 38 b.*

**Dominica Σταυροπροσκυνησεως, or Adorandæ Crucis.**—The third Sunday in Lent, among the Greeks, who pay solemn adoration on this day, and all the following week, which is the 4th in Lent. See *Hebdomadæ Græca; Cross, Adoration of.*

**Dominica tertia Adventus.**—The third Sunday in Advent is *Dominica secunda ante Natale Domini*,” in the kalendar quoted by Du Cange. It is called *Gaudete*, from the introit, “*Gaudete in domino semper; et iterum dico, Gaudete.*” Among the Greeks, it is “*Dominica duodecimæ Lucæ*,” or “*De decem Leprosis.*”

**Dominica tertia ante Natale Domini.**—The fourth Sunday in Advent, in the kalendar quoted by Du Cange.

**Dominica Transfigurationis.**—The second Sunday in Lent, the Gospel of which is the transfiguration of Christ.

**Dominica trium Septimarum Paschalis.**—Probably the second Sunday after Easter, because the three weeks of Easter commence on the day of the Resurrection. In the *Tresor des Chartres* are letters of adjournment, addressed by Philip V to the peers of France, “*ad diem Sabbati post tres septimanas instantis paschalis.*” These letters, which are dated 9 April, 1317, belong to the year 1318, according to modern computation. In fact, they are posterior to the Easter Day of the year on which they are dated; for Easter, in 1317, fell on April 3, and the 20th of May was Friday, not Saturday; but in 1318, Easter fell on April 23, and the 20th of May was Saturday, in the fourth week of Lent, which gives great probability to this explanation of the date.—*Verific. des Dates.*

**Dominica trium Septimarum Pentecostes.**—The second Sunday after Pentecost.

**Dominica Tyrophagi (*τυροց, cheese*).** Quinquagesima Sunday, among the Greeks, who are forbidden to eat cheese and eggs from this day to Easter. The same name belongs to the week preceding this day. The Greeks begin their Lent on the Monday after Quinquagesima Sunday, and hence this Sunday is called the first of Lent, in a MS. in the Bodleian Library : “*Dominica του τυροφαγού, sive prima Quadragesimæ*”—*Baroc., Cod. 147.*

**Dominica, unam Domini.**—Introit and name of the 2nd Sunday after Easter, in the Diary of Visitations in 1291, by Simon de Beaulieu, abp. of Bourdeaux.—*Ed. Venet. Concil., t. XIV, p. 986; Verific. des Dates.*

**Dominica Vacans, or Vacat.**—The name given, in the Latin church, to the second Sunday between the Nativity and the Epiphany, or, as anciently expressed in the octaves of the Nativity, because, always occupied by a festival or an octave, it has no proper office. See *Dominicæ Vacantes.*

**Dominica Vocis Jucunditatis.**—Fifth Sunday after Easter (*Bed. Oper.*, t. VII, p. 31). See *Vocem Jucunditatis*.

**Dominicorum Dierum Rex.**—The king of Sundays is Trinity Sunday.

**Dominicum.**—For *Dominica*, in some writers of the middle ages (*Verif. des Dates*). Many of the fathers used *Dies* in the masculine gender (see *August.*, *Serm. 25, de Tempor.*; *Tertull. de Coron. Milit.*; *Bed.*, &c.) This may be the reason of this form of the word in later writers, who have taken the accusative of *dominicuſ dies* absolutely, and so changed the gender. In the passage from Gregory of Tours, under *Dominica Resurrectionis*, the practice of the fathers is followed. “Ante dominicum in Ramis Palmarum” occurs in Roger Hoveden, *Script. post. Bed.*, 791. *Dominica* appears to be the adjective, *f.*, *g.*, taken substantively.

**Dominicum Sanctum.**—Easter Day.

**Dominicum secundum post Pascha.**—The third Sunday after Easter; what is really the first Sunday is called the octave—and the Sunday after the octave, on which octave the Paschal solemnities cease, is said to be the first after Easter.

**DOMINICUS**—Aug. 4. Domenico di Guzman instituted the Rosary of the Virgin in 1213, and founded the order of Preachers or Dominicans in 1215 (*Corsio delle Stelle*, p. 60). He was canonized by Gregory about 1244.—*Hospit. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 17 b.

**Dominorum Bacchanalia.**—See *Clericorum Bacchanalia*.

**Dominus, fortitudo mea.**—Introit of sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

**Dominus, Illuminatio mea.**—Introit of fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

**Dominus surrexit.**—May 27 : G. 402. See *Resurrectio Christi*.

**DONATIAN & ROGATIAN,**—May 24 : E. 453. Brothers, martyred in 287 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 37). There was also **DONATIAN**, bp. of Rheims and patron of Bruges, 389, May 24, Aug. 30, and Oct. 14.

**DONATUS.**—Aug. 7 : V. 429 ; T. 442 ; E. 456. A bishop of Arezzo, and mart. in 361 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 34). There were also—2, a Scots or Irish bishop of Fiesoli in Italy, 816, Oct. 22 (*Brit. Sancta*, p. II, p. 215) —3, Donatus, Dec. 12 : G. 419. Hermogenes, Donatus, and twenty-two other martyrs, 2 id. Decemb.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult., n. 6.

**DONSTONE's Day.**—May 19 (see **DUNSTAN**). In the *Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 138, it is erroneously May 18 : “Wretyn at London, seyt Donstones daye, xvij Maye, A° E. iiiij<sup>th</sup> xiiij<sup>to</sup>”

**Dormientes Septem.**—The seven sleepers. See *Septem Dormientium Festum*.

**Dormitio.**—The sleep for the death of a saint, Feb. 20, G. 399 ; March 2, G. 401 ; April 2 & 27, May 11, and Sept. 6, in the same kal. It occurs in the same manner as *Assumptio*, *Depositio*, *Migratio*, *Pausatio*, &c.

**Dormitio S. JOHANNIS Evangelistæ.**—Dec. 27 (*Burchard*, c. 2). See *Assumptio S. Johannis*.

**Dormitio S. MARIAE Virginis.**—Aug. 15 ; the Assumption, which is thus expressed by Domenizo in his Life of St. Mathildis, l. II, c. 14—

“Sanctæ dormitio virginis atque  
In medio mense, qui sextus noscitur esse  
Tunc celebrebatur.”

**DOROTHEA, DOROTHY.**—Feb. 6, a virg. mart. of Cæsaria, in Cappadocia (about 308).—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 101.

**DRITHELM.**—Sept. 1, a Confessor.—*Bed., Hist. Eccles.*, l. V. c. 13.

**DROSTAN.**—Dec. 14, a Scots abbot in 6th cent.—*Brit. Sanct.*, p. II, p. 315.

Dryght, Drygt.—Our *Lord*, from the Saxon *þuht*:

“ I beleue in oure holy drygt,  
Fader of heuene, god almygt.”

*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 132.*

It is sometimes found denominating a year of the Christian era, as in Piers Plowman's vision, where it is said that, when no cart came with bread to Stratford, then began beggars to weep, and workmen were aghast—

“ In date of our dryght, in a daye of Apruell,  
A thousand and thre hundred twyse twenty and ten.”

In the edition of 1550 it is printed *bryght*, but Warton has restored the true reading.

**DUBRICIUS.**—Nov. 14, a bishop of Landaff in the 6th century.—*Angl. Sacra.* t. II, p. 614.

Dum clamarem.—Introit and name of the 10th Sunday after Pentecost.

Dum medium silentium.—Sunday in the octaves of the Nativity, and also Sunday after the Circumcislon, when it falls on the eve of the Epiphany; the words are taken from *Eccel.* 18. In the kalendar of *an. 838*, quoted by Du Cange, the former is called “Dominica prima post Natale,” which corresponds to the name given to it by the Greeks—*Κυριακη μερα την Χριστου γενησα*; that is, *Sunday after the Nativity of Christ*.

**DUNSTAN**, archbp.—May 19: V. 426; T. 439; E 453; L. 465. He was archbp. of Canterbury, and died 988 (*Chron. Sax.*) on “xiliij kal. Junii” (*Flor. Wigorn.*); “vii id. Septembris” (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 49). This is an extraordinary error. St. Dunstan's Day is one of the festivals which were ordained by Canute to be kept throughout England (*Ll.*, c. 17). It appears, says Dr. Hickes, that our menology or kalendar (*Tib.*, B. I) was written before 978, because it contains neither the festival of King Edward nor that of archbishop Dunstan (*Thesaur.*, t. I, p. 221). See an account of him in *Brit. Sancta.*, p. I, p. 293.

**Duodecim Infantil**—Feb. 20, in memory of 12 babes, martyred in the Vandalic persecution.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 221.

**Duo EWALDI.**—Oct. 3: E. 458. The two Ewalds were Saxon priests and martyrs, about 690. They were brothers—“Ewaldi gemini” (*Bed. Mart.*, *Oper.*, t. I.) The Sax. Menol. (*Julius*, A. X, fo. 160), at this day, has—the Passion of the priests who were both of one name; one was the Black Heawold, and the other the White Heawold. *Daja pnoorta þnopung þa pænon begen aner noman. oðen pær re blaca Þeapolb. oðen re hryta Þeapolb.* The distinction was made from the colours of their hair.—*Bed., Hist. Eccel.*, l. V, c. 2; *Brit. Sanct.*, p. 2, p. 155.

**Duplex Maius.**—Boniface VIII decreed that the feasts of the Apostles, the four evangelists, and the four doctors, Gregory, Augustine, Ambrose and Jerome, should be celebrated by all churches throughout the world, with

the honor of a double festival. Gerebrard, in his Chronicle, gives it this name.—*Hospit. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 164.

DUTHLAC.—March 8; bishop of Ross, 1249.—*Brit. Sanct.* p. I, p. 163.

Dyemanche.—Sunday. “Et el dyemanche des oitieves de la resurrection” —[And on Sunday in the octaves of Easter.—*Miracles de St. Louis*, ch. 39.

Dymain.—To-morrow; the morrow.—*Stat. 7 Edw.* II.

DYMPNA.—May 15, an Irish virgin—*Martyrol. Rom.*; *Brit. Sanct.*, p. I, p. 288.

Dysday.—This day. “Yo<sup>r</sup> fad<sup>r</sup> and myne was dysday sevynth at Berkelys for a matyr of the pryor of Bromholme” (*Paston Letters*, 1443, v. III, p. 22). The letters *b*, or *ð* [th], and *d*, seem to have formerly been interchangeable; at all events, one is often used for the other, as *unther* for *under*, *dyther* and *thyder* for *thither*, &c. So, in the metrical legend of “Owayne Myles”—

“G'unte me þ<sup>r</sup> I mote gone  
To saynt Patrykes p'gatorye anone ;  
And when y am comen agayn,  
All go' wyll do fayn.  
The byshoppe sayd, Dyþ<sup>r</sup> shalt þ<sup>r</sup> nougth ;  
For mony a fole hath þþþ<sup>r</sup> sowgth :  
To moche vpon hemself þey tryste :  
Whyp<sup>r</sup> þey wente no mon wiste.”

*MS., Calig. A. II, fo. 90, col. 2.*

EADBERT.—May 6, bishop of Lindisfarne, successor of St. Cuthbert.—*Bed.*, *Hist. Eccl.*, l. IV, c. 29, 30.

EADBURGE.—June 15: V. 427; T. 440. *Translation*, July 18: V., T. She was daughter of Edward the Elder (*Will. Malmbs. de Regib.*, l. II, c. 5, 13). There were also—2, an abbess, Dec. 12; in *Brit. Sanct.*, Dec. 13 (*par.* II, p. 31)—and, 3, Edburge, or Idaburge, abbess, 695, June 20 and Dec. 21.

EADGITHE.—Sept. 16: V. 430. *Translation*, Nov. 3: V. 432. Though the orthography in these two places be different, there can be no doubt of the person: according to *Brit. Sanct.*, she was daughter of King Edgar, and died 984 (*par.* II, p. 183). Here she is called Edith.

EADMUND, archbp.—Nov. 16: V. 432 (an interpolation, as also his *Translation*, June 9, 427): L. 471. See EDMUND.

EADMUND, kg. & mar.—Nov. 20: V. 430; T. 445; L. 471 (*Br. Sa.*, p. II, p. 293). King of the East Angles, and slain by the Danes under Hingwar, in 870 (*Chron. Sax.*) His Passion is the subject of an alliterative homily by *Ælfric*, in *Cott. MS., Jul. E.* VII, fo. 201. The date of his death, from Matt. Westmon., is mentioned in vol. I, p. 29, and the following is the entire passage: “Passus est autem beatissimus rex et martyr Eadmundus anno gratiae DCCCLXX, anno etatis sue xxix, regni vero sui anno xvi, die xii kal. Decembris, feria secunda, inductione tertia, Luna existente viceima secunda.”

EADWRARD, King & Mart.—March 18: V. 424; T. 437. He was murdered, according to the *Chron. Sax.*, in 978, on 15 kal. Apr., the day ap-

pointed to be observed by Canute, c. 17. *First Translation*, Feb. 18; *second*, June 20. See EDWARD.

**EAHLSWITH**, *Lady or Queen of the Angles*.—Dec. 5: G. 419. Was this the queen of the great Alfred, who died in 905—*Chron. Sax.*?

**EALRED**—Jan. 12; an abbot.

**EANSWIDE**, Virg.—Aug. 31; daughter of Eadbald, the first Christian king among the Saxons.

**EARCONGOTA**, Virg.—July 7.—*Bed., Hist. Eccl.*, l. III, c. 6.

**Easter**.—This feast, by Greek and Latin writers called Pascha, whence the old English terms, Pace, Pasch, pask, pash, &c. is celebrated the first Sunday following the 14th of the moon after the vernal equinox, in memory of the Resurrection. Formerly the church denominated all solemn feasts *Pascha*. That of the Resurrection was the Great Pascha; and there were also the Pascha of the Pentecost, and the Pascha of the Nativity for Christmas Day. According to the decree of the Council of Nice, in 325, the feast of Easter should be celebrated the Sunday after the 14th day of the moon which comes after the vernal equinox, fixed for March 21, as it was at that time. The rule was observed from the council to 1582, though the true equinox was no longer March 21, and though, in consequence of the bissextile day, it was removed from 21 to 20, from 20 to 19, and from 19 to 18th March. Thus, in 1520, or thereabouts, the equinox had retrograded to the 11th March. In 1584, Tycho Brahe observed the vernal equinox at Ween on March 9, 21 h. 30 m. P. M.; in 1585, March 10, 3 h. 19 m.; and in 1586, March 10, 9 h. 8 m. (*Strauch.*, b. III, c. 5, s. 18). This retrogression occasioned the necessity for the reformation of the kalendar, by the retrenchment of 10 days, in order to make March 21 agree with the true equinox. It is not that the equinox is always March 21, for it happens more frequently on the 20th, and even the 19th; but the church has not thought proper to attend scrupulously, in this respect, to the calculations of astronomers, any more than in regard to the new or full moon, in which it is governed by the epacts, which do not always mark the true lunations, and differ sometimes by one or two days before or after. On this subject, there was a contest among the learned in 1666, because in this year the sun entered Aries, and made the Spring at March 20, at 6 in the morning, and the moon in Libra was full the same afternoon—so that, March 21 being Sunday, it seemed that it ought to be the real day of Easter. However, this feast was not celebrated until April 25, because the equinox of March 20 was the true equinox, though it was not that determined by the Council of Nice, and fixed for March 21. See *Equinoctium*.

In order to understand the chronology of ancient history before the birth of Christ, there is often occasion to know the Sundays and the moveable feasts, which depend on that of Easter. For example, Socrates (*Hist. Eccl.*, l. I) asserts that Constantine the Great, the first Christian emperor, died May 22, and Eusebius says that it was the day of Pentecost, or Whitsunday, but he does not state the year; we must, therefore, learn in what year Whitsunday fell on May 22. St. Audoenus, or Ouen, says that he was consecrated bishop with St. Eligius, or Eloi, the third year of Clovis II, on Sunday before the Rogations, May 10. To know the year, it is necessary to know that, in which the Sunday before the Rogations was May 14. His-

torians relate that Otho I, emperor of the Romans, died May 7, Wednesday before Pentecost, but the year is not stated (*Moreri, t. VII P p. 71*). Another example may be taken from the Saxon Chronicles, of which one MS. says that Hardicanute died in 1041, and that the people chose Edward to be their king before he was buried; another says that he died June 8, 1042; and a third copy, under the year 1042, says that Edward was crowned on Easter Day, which fell on "III non. Aprilis," i.e. April 3. If we wish to verify these dates, we must ascertain the Easter Days, and we shall find that the first year, according to the present mode of computation, should be 1042, and that, as April 3 was not Easter Day in that year, but fell on that day in 1043, we must understand the fact, as stated by these MSS., to be, that Edward was elected king in June, 1042, but was not crowned until April, 1043. Others say that Hardicanute died in 1040, which, if Edward were crowned in April 3, would give a longer interval of time between his election and coronation than accords with probability. The Easter Days, Dominical Letters, and Golden Numbers of these years are, according to the different tables given in this work, as follow—

1040 .....	F E	X V .....	April 6
1041 .....	D	X VI .....	March 22
1042 .....	C	X VII .....	April 11
1043 .....	B	X VIII .....	April 3.

In accordance with the Council of Nice, which established the Sunday after the 14th day of the Paschal moon should be Easter, the ancients had several rules for finding that day and moon, which is the first full moon after the equinox: "At vero postquam dies superare noctem, adveniente XIV luna agitur terminus (*Paschalis*) et subsequenti die dominico statim solemnitas Pascha celebratur. In ipso termino omni tempore invenitur luna decimaquarta" (*Bed. de Certis Terminis, Oper., t. I, p. 201*). Hence the following ancient rule, in the computus of the kalendar T, 435: On mārtiūs op̄en̄ .xii. kl. p̄n̄d̄ .xix. nihta eal̄bne monan. on þone runnan ðæg op̄en̄ þæt he rpa eal̄b bið. þ bið eartēn ðæg—[In March, find the moon of 14 nights old, after the 12th kalends—on the Sunday after that he is so old, that is Easter Day—fol. 54 b.] For instance; in 1041, the new moons are known by the Golden Number XVI, and the Sundays by the Letter D: the Number XVI stands at March 8, from which count 14 days, and where D is, that is, immediately after the 14th, is the Easter Day of that year. Elsewhere, in the same Computus, is the rule for the Paschal term—"De Pasche; Post .xii. kl. Aprilis ubi lunam .xix. inueneris ibi fac terminum paschae" (*fo. 18*). Another old rule is found in the *Portiforium Sariburiense*, 1528:

"Post Regum festa, quere novilunia trina:  
Post dominica tria, sacrum Pascha celebra."

In other words, count the Golden Number of the given year three times from the Epiphany in the kalendar, and the third Sunday from the last place of the number is Easter Day. Another, more simple, is "Post Martias no-

nas, &c." Find the Golden Number after March 7, and take the third Sunday after it for Easter. By the following table, Easter may be readily found for any Julian year of the Christian era, or the years previous to the reformation of the kalendar by Gregory XIII, in 1582, which was not received in England before 1752, after which the tables in the Common Prayer Book may be consulted. See *Kalendar, Gregorian*, for other Protestant countries.

## TO FIND EASTER FOR EVER.

G. N.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
I	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Apr. 8
II	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Apr. 1
III	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Apr. 18	Apr. 19	Apr. 20	Apr. 13	Apr. 15
IV	Apr. 9	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Apr. 8
V	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 23	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
VI	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Apr. 13	Apr. 14	Apr. 15
VII	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Mar. 31	Apr. 1
VIII	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 19	Apr. 20	Apr. 21	Apr. 22
IX	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Apr. 13	Apr. 14	Apr. 8
X	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Apr. 1
XI	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Apr. 18	Apr. 19	Apr. 20.	Apr. 21	Apr. 22
XII	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Apr. 8
XIII	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 25
XIV	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Apr. 18	Apr. 19	Apr. 13	Apr. 14	Apr. 15
XV	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Apr. 8
XVI	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Mar. 22	Mar. 23	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
XVII	Apr. 16	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Apr. 13	Apr. 14	Apr. 15
XVIII	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Apr. 1
XIX	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 18	Apr. 19	Apr. 20	Apr. 21	Apr. 22

" When ye have found the Sunday letter in the uppermost range, guide your eye downward from the same, till ye come right over against the Prime, and there is shewn both what month, and what day of the month, Easter falleth" (*L'Estrange, Alliance of Div. Offices*, p. 41; *Fo. 1659*,

*Lond.*—where the last line of the table is incorrectly printed). In the kal. E, 451-2, the Primes or Golden Numbers, though not in the MS., are placed at the right hand in such a manner, that the Sunday following the Golden Number of any year before 1752, is Easter Day.

The following table shews how many days the Sundays and Moveable Feasts are removed from Easter:—

Septuagesima Sunday .....	63 days before Easter.
Sexagesima — .....	56 —
Quinquagesima .....	46 —
1st Quadragesima, or Sunday in Lent, called <i>Invocavit</i> .....	42 —
2nd Sunday in Lent, called <i>Reminiscere</i> ....	35 —
3rd Sunday in Lent, called <i>Oculi</i> .....	28 —
4th (Media Quadragesima, or Midlent Sunday), called <i>Latare</i> .....	21 —
5th Sunday in Lent, called <i>Judica</i> or <i>Passion</i> , 14	—
6th Sunday in Lent, called <i>Dom. Palmarum</i> , or <i>Hosanna</i> .....	7 —

## EASTER.

Sunday of <i>Quasimodo</i> , or 1st after Easter .....	7 days.
— <i>Misericordia</i> , 2nd after Easter .....	14 —
— <i>Jubilate</i> , 3rd after Easter .....	21 —
— <i>Cantate</i> , 4th after Easter .....	28 —
— <i>Vocem Jucunditatis</i> , or Sunday before Rogations, 5th after Easter .....	35 —
Ascension Day, 39 after Easter, and called,—before Pentecost.	
Sunday called <i>Exaudi</i> , 6th after Easter .....	42 —
Pentecost, or Whitsunday, 7th after Easter .....	49 —
Trinity Sunday, 8th after Easter .....	56 —
Feast of the Holy Sacrament, or Corpus Christi, 60 days after Easter, and 11 after Whitsuntide.	

It is not without reason that the Latin names of these Sundays are inserted, for there are scarcely any historians, whether writing in Latin or their mother tongue of events which have fallen since the first ages of the church, who have not employed these expressions to mark the time. Many other names of this kind will be found under the articles *Dominica*. To shew the use of the preceding table—in the first example from Socrates and Eusebius, respecting the death of the emperor Constantine, we must observe that May 22 is 142 days from Jan. 1; then take away 49 from 142 (because 49 is the interval between Easter and Whitsuntide): thus we shall find that Easter was April 3 in the year of the death of Constantine, and that this year was 237 of the Christian era.

Bede derives the name of Easter from the goddess Eostre, who gave her name to the month of April, in which this feast mostly occurs—as the old Saxon goddess, Hredhe, communicated hers to that of March, and gave rise to many useless speculations on the meaning of *Hretha Monath*. It may be

observed that, in one instance, the name occurs as *Ester* in the Saxon Chronicle, where it is first used as a date in 626. To give an account of the controversies which long agitated the Eastern and Western churches, respecting the time for observing Easter, would be foreign to the present purpose. The reader is referred to Bede (*Hist. Eccles.*, l. II, c. 19, 23; III, c. 25; IV, c. 26), and to his editor, Smith, who has collected a great number of circumstances (*Append.*, n. IX a, p. 694, 705). The slight difference, says Sir James Mackintosh, between the Saxon and British Christians, respecting the observance of Easter, was sufficient to foster an animosity conducive to the independence of the weaker party (*Hist. Engl.*, p. 248). To this Pope refers in the following lines—

“That once was Britain—Happy ! had she seen  
No fiercer sons, had Easter never been.”

*Dunciad*, b. III, v. 117.

The Scots, says Bede, thought that Easter was to be observed from the 14th day of the moon to the 20th of the Resurrection ; and in 687, Pope Honorius enjoined them to return to the right celebration. They seem to have disregarded the papal injunction ; and the Saxon annalist scarcely looks upon them as Christians, in consequence of their perverseness : “Ecbyrht,” he says, “converted the monks on the isle Hii (Ionia) to the right faith, that they should keep Easter rightly” (*Chron. Sax.*, an. 716). Easter was one of the three periods or terms of assembling the great courts, *de more*, among the Saxons, and under the first Norman princes. “Thrice a year did the King (William I) wear his crown when in England—in Easter he wore it at Winchester—in Whitsuntide at Westminster, and at Christmas in Gloucester ; and there were with him all the great men over all England—archbishops and bishops, abbots and earls, thegns and cnichts” (*Ibid.*, an. 1087; *Will. Malmesb.*, p. 112). Of Henry I, Robert of Gloucester says—

“The kyng at Bromtone þer after al in peys,  
Hys feste at Mydewynter, myd Tebaud de Bheys,  
His Ester subþe at Berkeleye, and at Wyndelsore ywys  
His Wytesone tyde he helde.” *V. II*, p. 489.

About the 11th century a practice was introduced, which became common in the 13th and 14th centuries, of commencing the year at Easter ; it prevailed chiefly in France and the Netherlands. A charter of King John, of France, is dated at Villeneuve near Avignon, on Good Friday, March 31, 1362—and another, on the following day, is dated on the Holy Saturday of Easter, April 1, 1363 (*Encyclop. Franc.*, *Departm. Antiq.*, t. I, p. 185). The year, in both cases, is 1363, according to our computation from Jan. 1. See *Astur Day* ; *Dies Magnus*, *Paschæ*, *Pulcræ*, *Resurrectionis*; *Dominica Gaudii*, *Sancta* ; *Færild Freols* ; *Paas Day*, *Pace*, *Pasch*, *Pash Day* ; *Pascha*, *Pasques*, &c.

**Easter Monath.**—April month, *V. 425*, whence the name of the great festival of the Resurrection, called in the Greek and Western churches *Pascha*. The Saxon Menology, *Julius*, A X, has the same orthography ; but it is also

called Eostor, and Eostur month. Spelman approves of Bede's etymology, from the goddess Eostre, to whom the Saxons dedicated April (*Gloss.*, p. 420). In this month, our ancestors appear to have been in the habit of sending out ships of expedition, which, in the first instance, were no doubt on piratical expeditions, but afterwards might be only for surveying or guarding the coasts. The Council of Aenham, in 1009, directs that a naval expedition be prepared every year, soon after Easter: *γ pænlic bið þ man æghplice geane rona æfter eastron fyrdrýcya geanryge.*—*Can. 23; Spelm. Concil.*, t. I, p. 520.

**EASTERWINE.**—Jan 12: abbot, and disciple of Bennet Biscop.—(*Brit. Sanct.*, p. I, p. 28).

**EATA.**—Oct. 2: a Saxon bishop, who died in 617.—*Bed., Eccl.*, l. III, c. 26; l. IV, c. 12, &c.

**Eau changée en Vin aux Noces de Canan.**—Jan. 6. See *Epiphany*.

**EBBA.**—Aug. 25: daughter of Ethelfred, king of Northumbria, 683 (*Bed., Hist. Eccl.*, l. IV, c. 19). She is commonly called St. Tabba. Another, with her companions, 870 or 874, April 2. In *Brit. Sancta*, martyred by the Danes 868 or 870, p. II, p. 97.

**Ebdomada.**—For *Hebdomas*, a week, in many writers of the middle ages: “Feria IIII. in Pascha Ebdomada” (Wednesday in Easter week)—*Cott. MS., Faustina A. IX, fo. 140*). The date of the destruction of a great part of London by fire, in 1192, is—“In Ebdomada Pentecostes feria iiiii” (Wednesday in Whitsun week, June 1)—*Sim. Dunelm., Continuat.*, p. 263). “In Ebdomada Paschæ” (*Chron. S. Petriburg.*, 714). A dispensation by the bishop of Worcester is dated—“Die Lunæ in Ebdomada Paschæ anno Domini 1253.”—*Madox, Formul. Anglic.*, p. 309.

**Ebdomada Penosa.**—Holy week, before Easter: “ii nonas Aprilis, iv feria de ebdomada quæ dicitur Penosa.”—*Lobellin., Hist. Britan.*, l. II, col. 352; *Du Cange*, t. III, col. 3.

**EBRULFUS.**—July 26: a recluse and abbot, 7th century—2, abbot in Lisieux, 596, Dec. 29 (*Verif. des Dates*). He died, however, on the night of Jan. 1: “Ebrulfus in ipsa nocte Dominice Circumcisionis emisit spiritum.”—*Order. Vital.*, l. VI, p. 618.

**Ecce Deus; Ecce Deus adjuva me.**—Introit on the 9th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Ecce Deus adjuvat.**—See the preceding.

**Ecclesiastical Era.**—See *Era*.

**Edborrows Day.**—June 15 (*Bodl. MS., Lives of Saints, temp. Hen. VI*): Edburgh's Day. See *EADBURGE*.

**EDDE.**—(*Dugd. Monast.*, t. I, p. 47). See *HEDDE*.

**EDDIE, EDITH, Virg.**—Sept. 16: D. 457. This is *EADGITHE*, first abbess of Winchester:

“The abbey of Wynchestre tho securly  
Seynt Adelwolde hym self repaired that gere  
In the worshepe of owre Lady,  
And made seynt Ede furst abbas ther.”

*Cott. MS., Faust. B. III, fo. 213.*

**EDELBURGE.**—July 7: daughter of Anna, king of the R. Angles.—*Bed., Hist. Eccel.*, *l. III*, *c. 6*.

**EDELTRUDIS.**—June 13 (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, *fo. 113 b.*) In Petr. de Natal., “ix cal. Junii” (*l. V*, *c. 142*); but she is the same as **ETHELDREDA**, or **ÆTHELDRYTHE**.

**EDMUND**, Abp.—Nov. 16: D. 459. *Translation*, June 9. These festivals are modern interpolations in *V. 427 & 432* (see **EADMUND**). He was arch-bp. of Canterbury 1242, canonized in 1246, and translated 1247 (*Brit. Sancta*, *p. II*, *p. 278*). The death of Henry III, in 1272, occurred on this festival, Nov. 16, which is therefore employed as the date: “Die Mercurii in festo sancti Edmundi confessoris obiit dominus Henricus quondam rex Anglie sero” (*Rymer*, *t. I*, *p. 497*):

“ Seint Edmund þe confessor. þt lip at Pounteneye.  
Of godemen ȝ cren [coren]. þei hi nere nogt wel here.  
I bore he was in Ynglond. in þe town of Abyngdon.  
Glad miȝte þe mōþ be. þt bere such an sone.”

*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX. fo. 175.*

**EDMOND, EDMUND**, King & Mart.—Nov. 20: E. 459—

“ Seint Edmond þe holi king. of whome we makeþ gret feste.  
Of þe one end of Englond. king was here by Este.”

*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX. fo. 182 b.*

It is remarkable that Robert of Brunne dates the death of Henry III on this day, instead of that of Edmund, the archbishop and confessor—

“ The day of seýnt Edmound. þat martir is ȝ kýng.  
Sir Henry at Londoun in God mad his endyng.”

*V. I, p. 230.*

This is the date of the coronation of Edward I, whence his regnal years were computed, and not from the death of his predecessor: “Item dicti rex E. filius dicti regis Henrici initiavit singulis annis die sancti Edmundi regis, videlicet die xx mensis Novemb’”—*Red Book Excheq.*, in *Rot. Lit. Claus. Intród.*

**EDWARD**, Kg. Conf.—Jan. 5. *Translation*, Oct. 13: V. 422, 431; (Interpolations) L. 470 (see **EADWEARD**): “Wretyn al in hast, the satterday next after saint Edwards day.”—*Paston Lett.*, *v. I*, *p. 28*.

**EDWIN**, Kg.—Oct. 4 (*Brit. Sancta*, *p. II*, *p. 157*): slain by Penda in 633.—*Chron. Sax.*

**EGBERT**.—April 24: a priest and missionary in Ionia, who died on Easter Day, 729, which fell on April 24 in that year (*Bed., Hist. Eccles.*, *l. III*, *c. 4*, 27; *l. IV*, *c. 3*, 36; *l. V*, *c. 10*, 11). There were also—2, King of Northumbria, 738, Aug. 20—3, Archbp. of York, who died in 766.

**EGELWIN**, Conf.—Nov. 28.—*Brit. Sanct.*, *p. II*, *p. 304*.

**EGIDIUS**.—Sept. 1: E. 457—**GYLES**, L. 469. Egidius, Gilles, Giles or Gyles, was an abbot of Arles, who died on this day, about 700 (*Petr. de Natal.*, *l. VIII*, *c. 18*): In sente Egidius daghe das hilgen abdes.”—*Chart. of the year 1300—Baring. Clav. Dipl.*, *n. VIII*, *p. 488*.

“ Seyn Gilis þe holiman ne loueþe noþing sinne.”

*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX. fo. 129 b.*

**EGIFER ac LARGUS.**—March 1: G. 401.

**Ego sum Pastor Bonus.**—The second Sunday after Easter, from the Gospel beginning with these words, *Joh.*, ch. x, v. 11. The Council of Oxford, in 1222, is dated thus—“ In quindena Pasche, qua legitur Ego sum Pastor Bonus” (*Tho. Wykes, in Gale's Script.*, t. II, p. 39). This day is also named *Misericordia Domini, Dominica post octabas Pasche, Dominica post Clavum Pasche, Dominica trium Septimatarum Paschalis*. The Greeks, who on this day celebrated the festival of the three holy women that came to anoint Christ in the sepulchre, named it *Κυριακη των άγιων Μυροφορων*.

**EGWIN.**—A bishop of Worcester, and founder of the abbey of Evesham, who, dying Dec. 11, 717, was buried in his own monastery, whence he was translated to Worcester in 1183, and probably on Jan. 11, the day of his feast (*Brit. Sancta*, p. I, p. 20). According to Robert of Gloucester, he was enshrinéd at Evesham, 1183—

þulke ger  
Sein Egwine at Eueshan in srine was verst ido.”

*Chron.*, t. II, p. 478.

Hearne, in a note on the line, has “Edwin;” some kalendars and martyrologies spell the name *Eguinus*. As a date, St. Egwin, bishop, occurs in a memorandum respecting the disposal of the rents of the churches of Ombresby and Baddeby, belonging to the abbey of Evesham—“in festo sancti Egwini episcopi, anno domini 1344” (*Dugd. Monast.*, t. II, p. 31, *per Ellis*).

**Egyptian Days.**—The same as *Dies Malæ*, or *Malæ*, i. e. Evil Days, on which it was thought dangerous to let blood &c. In a Saxon MS. we find the following account of these days:—Ðny ðagaz jyndon on georne þe pe egyptiace hatað þ iſ on une geðeode plihtlice ðagaz on þam nateþærþpon for nanje neode ne manneſ ne nearer bloð. þam monðe þe pe apriliſ hatað. Se nýta monan ðæg. ȝ bonne iſ oðer in-gangende þe monð þe pe agiutur hatað. Se ængra monan ðæg. bonne iſ re þniða. ȝ re ængra monan ðæg æfter utgange þær monðer decembriſ. Se ðe on þiſum þnum ðagum hir bloð geponað. ȝ hit man. ȝ hit nýten. þær ðe pe recgan hýndon þ rona on þam forman ðæge oððe on þam geopoðan hir lif he ge-enðað. oþre gýf hir lif lengne bið þ he to þam geopoðan ðæge ne becymð oððe gýf he hýple ne ȝnene ȝnincð þam þnum ðagum hir lif he ge-enðað. ȝ re ðe on þyr ȝlcum þnum ðagum ȝore flæger onþyngð binnan feopentigeð ðaga fýntre hir lif he ge-enðað.—[Three days there are in the year, which we call Egyptian Days, that is, in our language, dangerous days on any occasion whatsoever, to the blood of man or beast. In the month which we call April, the last Monday; and then is the second, at the coming in of the month which we call August; then is the third, which is the first Monday of the going out of the month of December (see *Mensis Exeuns, Mensis Intrans*). He who on these three days reduces blood, be it of man, be it of beast, this we have heard say, that speedily on the first or seventh day, his life he will end. Or if his life be longer, so that he come not to the seventh day, or if he drink drink sometime in these three days, he will end his life; and he that tastes of goose flesh, within forty days' space, his life he will end] —*Cott. MS., Vitell.*, C. VIII, fo. 20. The latter part is not very intelli-

gible; but the following passage in Bede seems to have furnished the principal matter: "Sunt tres dies in anno, quae per omnia observandi sunt, viii idus Aprilis, ille dies lunis intrante Augusti, ille dies lunis, exeunte Decembris, ille dies lunis observandus est, in quibus omnes venæ in homine aut in pecude plente sunt. Qui in his hominem aut pecus percusserit, aut statim, aut tertia die morietur, aut **vii** die periclabitur. Et si potionem acceperit, intra **xv** dies morietur, et si masculus aut foemina in his diebus nascuntur, mala morte morientur. Et si de auva in his diebus aliquis manducaverit intra **xv** vel **xl** dies morietur" (*Bed. Oper.*, t. I, p. 467). The words of the following distich are arranged for the purpose of ascertaining these Egyptian days :

“ Augurior decios, audito homine clangor  
Liquit oлens Abies, coluit Colus, excute Gallum.”

The first word belongs to January, the second to February, &c., so that the first letter of the first syllable of each word designates, according to its numerical order in the alphabet, the Egyptian Day, counted from the beginning of the month to which it corresponds—and the first letter of the second syllable, the second day of the same month, reckoning from the end. Thus, *augurior*, beginning with *au*, points to the 1st January as an Egyptian Day; and *g* being the 7th letter of the alphabet, denotes Jan. 25, counting from the end. Each of these days is Egyptian, on account of one hour (*Durand. de Rat. Div. Off.*, l. VIII, c. 4). A line at the head of each month, in the kalendars Vitellius and Titus, relates to Egyptian Days. As these are very inaccurate, and chiefly destroyed by fire in the former kalendar, the passage from which they were taken by the Saxon scribe is subjoined :

“ Si tenebrae *Egyptus* Graio sermone vocantur.  
Inde dies mortis tenebrosus jure vocamus,  
Bis deni biniq. dies scribuntur in anno,  
In quibus una solet mortalibus hora timeri :  
Mensis quisq. duos captivos possidet horum.  
Jani prima dies et septima fine timetur,  
Ast Februi quarta est, præcedit tertia finem.  
Martis prima necat, cuius sic cuspide quarta est.  
Aprilis decima est, undeno et fine timetur.  
Tertius et Maio, lupus est, et septimus anguis.  
Junius in decimo quindenum a fine salutat.  
Tredecimus Julii, decimo innuit ante Calendas.  
Augusti nepa prima fugat, de fine secundam.  
Tertiā Septembriſ vulpis ferit e pede denam.  
Tertius Octobriſ gladius, decem in ordine nectit.  
Quinta Novembriſ acus, vix tertia mansit in urna.  
Dat duodena cohors septem, decemque Decembris.  
His caveas ne quid proprio de sanguine demas.  
Nullum opus incipias ; nisi forte ad gaudia tendat,  
Et caput et finem mensis in corde teneto  
Ne medio imo ruas, sed clara per æthera vivas.”

*Bed. Oper.*, t. I, p. 467.

Olaus Wormius devotes four entire chapters to the subject of auspicious and inauspicious days, including the Egyptian.—*Fasti Danici*, cc, 22, 23, 24, 25.

**Eleven Thousand Virgins.**—See *Undecim Millia Virgines*.

**ELEUTHERIUS.**—Sept. 6: G. 413. An abbot at Spoleto and Rome, who died in the time of Gregory the Great, on the “viii id. Septembris” (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 45). There are two others in this kalendar, Oct. 8 and Dec. 23. There were also—1, Pope & mart., 193, May 26; in Gr. ch., Dec. 15—2, Bp. of Tournai, 532, Feb. 20—3, Bp. of Auxerre, 561, Aug. 16—4, Bp., son of Anthias, April 18.—*Sax. Menol.*

**ELFEGE, Abp.**—April 19: E. 452. The *Ælfhege* of T. 438; the *Ælfage* of V. 425; and the *Alphage* (which is quite incorrect) of the Comm. Pr. Bk. In the Saxon Chronicle he is *Ælfeah*—*re þe oðran naman næf gecegēd Goðrīne*, who was called by another name Godwine.—*An. 984*.

**ELFLEDA, or ELFREDA.**—Oct. 29: abbess of Rumsey in Hertfordshire, in the 11th century.—*Brit. Sanct.*, p. II, p. 229.

**ELGYVE.**—May 18: queen of Edmund I, died in 971.—*Will. Malmesb. de Regib.*, l. II, c. 8; *Brit. Sancta*, p. I, p. 292.

**ELIGIUS.**—June 25: a goldsmith of Limoisin, and then a bishop, who lived in 650 or 665 (*Vincent*, l. XXIII, c. 86; *Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 114). Another, bishop of Noyon, 659, Dec. 1.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 17.

**ELISABET.**—Nov. 19 (*Bed. Ephem. Oper.*, t. I, p. 266): in the following verses on the four seasons of the year, which are apparently the original of the distich quoted from Du Cange in the first volume, p. 59:—

“ Elisabet hyemem dat, Petrus uer Cathedratus,  
Æstuat Urbanus, autumnat Bartholomæus.”

The following are the days of the four saints in the margin, but whether written by Bede or the editor does not appear—“ 19 Nov., 22 Feb., 25 Maij, 24 Aug.”

**ELIZABETH.**—June 18: an abbess of Sconage in 1165. Another—2, Q. of Hungary, 1231, canonized about 1244 (*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 17 b)—3, Q. of Portugal, 1336, July 18. See *Queen Elizabeth's Day*.

**Ellene Thousand Virgins.**—See *Undecim Millia Virgines*.

“ Ellene þousand virgines  
þt fair cumpaignye was,  
Imartryd were for godes loue,  
I' wole telle þt cas,” &c.

*Harl. MS., 2247, fo. 137.*

**ELPHEGE, ELPHEGUS.**—(*Petr. de Natal.*, l. II, c. 12). A bishop of this name, Sept. 1 (*Britan. Sancta*, p. I, p. 239). See **ELFEGE**.

**Ember Days.**—The Ember Days at the four seasons are Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after—1, the 1st Sunday in Lent; 2, the feast of Pentecost; 3, Sept. 14; 4, Dec. 13, according to the Church of England, which retains this name, probably under the notion that it springs from the embers or ashes, which were formerly used in token of mortification on fasts. See *Embring Days*.

**Embolismus**,—March 5 & 6: G. 401. March 3, 5, 6: V. 424. Dec. 2, 4: V. 439; T. 446. An *embolismus*, from the Greek *εμβολισμός*, or *εμβολίμος*, intercalated, inserted, or added, is a lunar year, which contains 13 new moons or lunations, the year with 12 moons being a common lunar year—þ geap [þe] þe hatað communis. hærð tyelf nipe monan. ȝ þ geap [þe] þe hatað embolismur. hærð þneortyne nipe monan. *MS. Tilb.*, A. III, fo. 64 b.—[The year which we call common hath twelve new moons, and the year which we call embolismal hath thirteen new moons]. The common lunar year contains 12 synodical lunations, the extent of which is 354 days, 8 hours, and nearly 49 minutes: and the lunar embolismal year contains 13 lunations, or 13 lunar astronomical months, the extent of which is 383 d., 21 h., 33 m. This year is frequently used in the lunar or soli-lunar computation (*Strauch.*, b. I, c. 6, s. 10).—“Est ergo annus circumvolutio siderum, et hinc lunaris constans 354 diebus, nunc solaris constans 365, et quadrante, scilicet 6 horis. Nunc bissextulis constans ex 366 diebus, nunc embolismalis, i. e. superexcrescens, qui 380 dies excedit, habens tredecim lunations” (*Gervas. Tilb.*, *Otia Imp.*, c. 6; *Du Cange*, t. III, col. 61; see also *Bed. Oper.*, t. I, p. 279). The cycle of 19 years, *cyclicus decennovennalis*, from which the Golden Numbers arise, is composed of 19 lunar years, of which 12 are common and 7 embolismal. Among the common years are 8 of 354 days, and 4 of 355 days; and among the embolismal years, are 6 of 384 days, and 1 of 383 days, which is the last of the decennovennial cycle, or cycle of 19 years—that is to say, there are 120 full months, *menses pleni* (the 4 bissextile days not comprised), which cause the lunations that end in March in this year to have 31 days, instead of the 30 which they would have but for this reason—and 115 void months, *menses cavi*, which produce in all 6,939 days, which make precisely 19 years, according to the ancient computists. Thus, after their calculations, the 19 years of the Lunar Cycle, or Decennovennial cycle, answer perfectly to 19 Julian or solar years; at least they supposed so, in their method of comparing or reconciling the years, according to the course of the moon, with the years according to the course of the sun. But there was an error in their calculation, for the 19 lunar years do not exactly correspond to the 19 solar years, which exceed the first by 2 hours and a fraction. These 2 hours and the fraction, being neglected for centuries, considerably deranged both the new moons, and the whole ancient kalendar. Gregory XIII corrected this derangement, by retrenching 10 days in October, to bring back the vernal equinox to March 21, as it was in 325, when the Council of Nice established the rule on which the ancient kalendar was formed. The new moons were thus advanced, in order to be placed opposite the days on which they occurred. A change was also made in the order of the 7 embolismal years of the decennovennial cycle. Before the reformation of the kalendar, these 7 years were the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 16th, and 19th; the other twelve were common. After the reformation, the embolismal years were the 3rd, 6th, 9th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th: the other twelve were common. With respect to the order of the new moons in these two sorts of years, in the ancient and modern kalendars, it had this effect. As every moon takes up, in its astronomical course, nearly 29½ days, all computists reckon one of 30 days, which they

call a *mensis plenus*, or full month, and the other, of 29 days, they call *mensis carus*, a void or defective month. These follow alternately, January having 29 lunar days, February 30 lunar days, and so on to the end of the year. This is not the case with the embolismal years, in which computists are obliged to derange the sequence of moons of 30 and 29 days, in consequence of the 13th lunation, which they intercalate in these years. Let us take an example of this derangement, and examine what the lunations are in the 19th year of the decemnovennial cycle, or cycle of 19 years, which is embolismal. In the first place, to find the 13 lunations, or 13 lunar months in this 19th year, or in any other embolismal year, we must consider that the moon is thought to belong to the month in which it ends, and not to that in which it begins, according to the maxim of the old computists.—“In quo completur mensi lunatio detur.” We must, therefore, return to December in the 18th year of the cycle, to find how many days must be given to the lunation of January in this 19th year. This being done, we find by the kalendar that, before the reformation, the January moon of the 19th year of the decemnovennial cycle began Dec. 6 preceding—that of February, Jan. 5—that of March, Feb. 3—that of April, March 5—that of May, April 4—that of June, May 3—that of June again (because in this month the embolism, or intercalary month of the decemnovennial cycle, is found), began the 2nd of the same month—that of July began July 1, and that of August began July 30—that of September, August 28—that of Oct., Sept. 27—that of November, Oct. 26, and that of December began Nov. 25. These are the 13 commencements of the 13 moons of the 19th year of the cycle of 19 years before the reformation. In the kalendars, the Golden Number **xix** is placed against all these days except the first, Dec. 6, which has **xviii**, because we begin with the 18th year of the cycle, for the commencement of the January moon of the 19th year. These commencements of the 13 moons of the 19th year being known, it is easy to find how many days the ancient computists allotted to each lunation in this year, and what order they kept in the lunations. They gave 30 days to the moon in January—29 to February—30 to April—29 to May—30 to the moon of the 1st of June, and 29 to the moon of the 2nd—29 to July—29 to August—30 to September—29 to October—30 to November, and 29 to the moon of December. We see how different this order is from that of the common years, in which all computists, ancient and modern, gave 30 days to the moon of all the unequal or odd months (Jan., March, &c.), and 29 to all the equal or even months (February, April, &c.) This alternative order of 30 and 29 days, given to the lunations, is more or less disturbed in the embolismal years, by the intercalary month which is added to it; but it is not so considerably deranged in the 8th, 11th, and 19th years of the cycle of 19, before the reformation. As to the other embolismal years, particularly since the reformation, the order of the lunations is very little disturbed by the embolism, or 19th added lunation. For instance, all the derangement found in the 19th year of the decemnovennial cycle, consists in giving it two moons of 29 days in December; for all the other moons of this year, the order of the lunations of 30 and 29 days is observed. The following account of the places of the seven embolisms, from Bede, will complete what is necessary to be said on this

subject:—I. The first embolism begins iv non. Dec. (Dec. 2), when the epacts are 22, and it ends Dec. 31. II. The 2nd embolism begins Sept. 2, when the 25th of the epacts begin, and it ends Oct. 1. III. The third embolism is inserted at March 6, when the epacts are 17, and, ending April 4, makes a lunation of 30 days—whence to May 1, the lunation is 27 days, whereas, according to rule, it ought to be 28; and to July 1, twenty-nine days, whereas it should be 30. IV. The fourth embolism begins Dec. 2, when the epacts are 20, and, ending Jan. 2, makes a lunation of 30 days. On March 1, it makes the lunation 28 days, which ought to be 28 days according to rule, if the bissextile day be not inserted. V. The 5th embolism takes place Nov. 2, when the epacts are 23, and it ends Dec. 1. VI. The sixth embolism begins August 2, when the 15th of the epacts ends, and it ends Aug. 31. VII. The seventh and last embolism is inserted at May 7, when the epacts are 18, which, terminating on April 5, make the lunation 30 days—whence, on May 1, the lunation is 28, as the rule requires. Also in the same year, July 30, occurs the moon's leap (see *Saltus Lunæ*); so that the 30th of July, the first lunation takes place for the 30th; and so, on Aug. 1, the thirtieth, which should be the second, occurs. On Sept. 1, when no epacts begin, the 5th lunation is to be made (*Bed. de Locis Embolismorum, Oper., t. I, p. 279*). A further account of the celebrated decen-noval cycle is given under *Golden Numbers*.

**Embring Days.**—These, by another name, are called *Ember Days*. Jacob says that they are denominated Embring Days, “either because our ancestors, when they fasted, sate in ashes, or strewed them on their heads,” in which case, it would appear that their more appropriate name is ember days. “They are those (he continues) which the ancient fathers called *Quatuor Tempora Jejunii*, and are of great antiquity in the church. These days are mentioned by Briton, cap. 53, and other writers, and particularly in the statute 2 & 3 Edw. VI, c. 19.” In John Mirk's Festiall, there is a discourse entitled “*De Embryng Dayes Sermo*,” in which the following account is given of them: “þys weke ge schul haue embring dayes, Wednesday, Fryday and Saturday, þe wyche dayes seynt Kalyx, ane holy pope, ordeyned to be faste fourtymes of þe gere of alle þe ben fourteyn gere holde for certeyn skylles, þe wyche [ge] schal here. Oure holy faderes of þe holde lawe þei faston fourtymes of þe gere ageyne fourtymes hegh festes þe haddon. þan for we schuldron sewon ons [us] goddys chyderon, & sewon þe traas of oure holy faderes of þe olde lawe; þe before we faston fourtymes in þe gere, furste in March, in Wysson tyde, be wysson heruest tyme & begynnyng of sede tyme, and before cristonmesse in dedewynt” (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 34*). Calixtus, about 219, instituted a fast thrice a year, for the sake of the wheat, wine, and oil, particularly on the Saturday, that is, in the fourth, seventh, and tenth months, the year beginning in March. Afterwards, changing his intention, he distributed the fast into the four seasons (“*quatuor tempora*”) of the year—Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter: by this means, a fast was given to December. There are some who attribute to Urban this distribution of the ember fasts, which were formerly confounded, through the unskillfulness of men in the observance of times (see *Denunciatio*). It may, however, be due to both—that Calixtus insti-

tuted the fasts, and Urban afterwards digested them into the order of the seasons. And I should declare, says Polydore Vergil (from whom this account is taken), that they were received from the Romans, who, according to Ovid, in *Fasti*, made as many sacrifices of this kind, in the three seasons called the *Vinalia*, *Robigalia*, and *Floralia*—the first for the vintage; the second for fruits, of which the god was Rubigus, whose rites were performed April 25; and the third for all flowers over which the goddess Flora presided. Hence it therefore appears, that the early Roman pontiffs celebrated the same seasons of the year, not with an inane superstition, but with three fasts for the same reason—and thus converted the vain rites of the ancients into the cultivation of true piety (*De Invent. Rerum*, l. VI, c. 3, p. 362). Clear as this is, some modern writers among the Protestants have supposed that, originally, the ember fasts had no relation to the seasons, though they afterwards fell into the same number and order. The present name, *Embring Day*, seems to be the Saxon *embe-nýn*, a course, circle, or revolution; and hence, among our old writers, these days, from another variety of the preposition, *yinbe*, were denominated Ymber, and Ymbrin Days. Instances of these fasts being held three and four times a year, are not unfrequent in our older records: “Let us not presume,” say the bishops assembled at Clôves-hon in 747, “to neglect the times of the fasts—that is, of the fourth, the seventh, and the 10th months.” *Statuimus est mandato ut jejuniorum tempora, i. e. quarti, septimi et decimi mensis nullus negligere presumat*” (*Can. 18, Spelm. Concil.*, t. I, p. 256). So, in the institutions of King Edgar, we have the three fasts of Summer, Harvest and Winter, proving that the times of observance were not exactly observed (*Ll. Edg.*, c. 34). In the laws of Alfred, and the constitutions of Odo, archbishop of Canterbury (*cap. 9*), four fasts are named. These irregularities were corrected by the Council of Placentia, under Urban II, in 1086, when the number of the ember fasts, and the times for the observance of them, were finally determined, to be held as they are stated under Ember Days. See *Angariae*; *Jejunia Legitima*; *Jejunia Temporalia*; *Quater Temper*; *Ymber Days*, &c.

**EMERENTIANA.**—Jan. 23: V. 422; E. 449 (*Menol. Saxon.*; *CORSO delle Stelle*, p. 28). Jan 22 (*Martyrol. Rom.*; *Verif. des Dates*). She was a virgin, who suffered martyrdom immediately after Agnes, in 304.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 13; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 50 b:

**Empres.**—After, in our Fr. records, as “*Jeudy empres la feste saint Andre l'apostre*.”

**Encænia.**—Dec. 25, the day of the *Consecration of the Temple*. Suidas says that the ancients understood by *encænia*, a public solemnity on a new occurrence—in which sense, the encænia of the temple of Solomon, of the Maccabees, and of the emperors, are taken by early writers. Among the Latins, they were called Dedications or Consecrations; and on such days, they gave thanks to God for something of moment brought to a happy conclusion. Of these consecrations, consult the *Jus Canonicum*, cap. 1, *de Consecrationibus*; *Strauch*, b. IV, c. 46, s. 2. Encænia were unknown to the church for three hundred years, and were introduced by the semi-pagan Constantine the Great. Athanasius, speaking of Alexander ab Alexandro, in his *Apol. ad Constantine*, says that “*absolutis templorum operibus, en-*

cœnia et dedicationes per conventus celebravit." According to Gratian, Felix I, who died in 274, decreed that the solemnities of the dedications should be celebrated every year (*Distinct. c. de Consecrat.*); but this is evidently erroneous. Polydore Vergil (see *Dedicacio*) says it was Felix III (in 526); Bale and Hospinian attribute it to Felix II (from 483 to 492)—but the latter adds the date 525, which, according to Papistical catalogues of these people, may agree with Felix III. The order was confirmed by Gregory the Great. Many curious particulars, on the agreement of the Popish with the Pagan cœnia, are given by Hospinian, *de Festis Christ.*, fo. 161 b, &c. See *Church Holiday*.

**Enfant Prodigue.**—Saturday of the second week in Lent, among the French, from the Gospel of the Prodigal Son.

**Entrant**—See *Dies Intrantes; Mensis Intrans*. "Donné à Estampes, le Vendredi apres le saint Pere entrant Aoust, 1278" (*Rymer*, I, p. ii, p. 561).

**EORMENHILD, Virg.**—Feb. 13: V. 423; T. 436.

**Eostur Monath.**—See *Easter Monath*. "Nunc Paschalis mensis interpretatur quondam a dea illarum, quæ Eostre vocabatur, et cui in illo festo celebrabant, nomen habuit: a cuius nomine nunc Paschalis tempus cognominant, consueto antiquæ observationis vocabulo, gaudia novæ solennitatis vocantes" (*Bed. de Temp. Rat.*, c. 13). The Germans call Easter *Ostern*, and derive it from the ancient word *Urstende*, or "Aufferstesung," because it celebrates the resurrection.—*Hildebrand de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 77.

**Epactarum Sedes.**—The place of the Epacts, or where they were inserted—March 22: G. 402; T. 437; D. 451. The common solar year contains 365 days, and the common lunar year 354; there are consequently 11 days more in the first than the second. To make the lunar equal to the solar year, we add the eleven days to it, and these added days are what are called the Epacts, from the Greek verb *επαγω*, which signifies, among other things, to intercalate. The Epacts augment, by a like number of days, every common year, because the course of the moon advances on that of the sun, which is familiarly illustrated, in the Saxon treatise on the vernal equinox, by the two circuits made by one, who goes round a house, and another round the town: nu miht þu undērstan'dan þ lærran ymbgang hæfð re mann þe gæþ abutan an hūr. þonne re þe ealle þa bujh begæð. Spā eac re mona hæfþ hīr nýne hjaðor auñen on þam lærran ymbhþýnfe. þonne reo runne hæbbe on þam manan.—[Now you may understand that the man has the smaller circuit who goes round a house, than he who goes round the town. So, also, the moon has sooner run his course in the smaller orbit, than the sun has on the larger] *Cott. MS., Tib. A. III*, fo. 65. In leap years, which have 366 days, the moon advances 12 days on the sun. But kalendars are arranged without any regard to leap-years, and the Epacts are augmented by 11, as in common years. There are only two exceptions, one for the year of the cycle of 19 years, which concurs with the Epact 29, up to the reformation of the kalendar in 1582, and another for the year preceding that of which the Golden Number is I, from 1596 to 1900 inclusively: in both cases, computists augment the Epacts by 12 instead of 11—and thus, at the end of 19 years, the Epacts, like the new moons, begin to proceed in the same order as in the preceding cycle. The manner in which computists make their additions of Epacts every year, is easily ex-

plained:—If they reckon 11 for one year, they count 22 for the next, by adding 11; the following year, by adding 11 they obtain 33—or rather they count 3, because, having by this addition arrived at a number above 30, they deduct 30, and the remainder is the Epact. In this way, they add 12 instead of 11 for the year which falls to Epact 29, from the first year of the Christian era to 1582—for the year which falls to Epact 19, from 1596 to 1700, and for the year which falls to Epact 18, from 1700 to 1900 exclusively. If, on the year which falls to Epact 29, only 11 be added, the Epact will be 10; for 29 and 11 are 40, from which subtract 30, and the remainder is 10, and consequently, on adding 11, we must count only 10 Epacts. This may be made still clearer another way:—If the moon were new on the 1st Jan. in any year, it would be 11 days old on the same day the following year, and this would be the Epact for that year; the next year it would be 22, and the third year 33; but 33 days being more than one lunation, that year will contain 13 lunations; the additional lunation of 30 days is, therefore, subtracted, and the remaining 3 will be the Epact—or, in other words, the moon of the third year will be 3 days old on the 1st of January, and the Epact of the next (3 added to 11) will be 14. According to this progression of 11, the order of the Epacts through the cycle of 19 years—

<i>Years.</i>	<i>Epacts.</i>	<i>Years.</i>	<i>Epacts.</i>
1	XI	*11	I
*2	XXII	12	XII
3	III	13	XXIII
4	XIV	*14	IV
*5	XXV	*15	XV
6	VI	*16	XXVI
7	XVII	17	VII
*8	XXVIII	18	XVIII
9	IX	*19	XXIX
10	XX		

But, instead of XXIX, at the end of the cycle 0 is used in practice: for instance, a charter of Henry I to the monastery of Bath is dated thus—“Facts autem est hec donatio anno ab Incarnatione domini millesimo centesimo primo, indictione nulla, epacta nulla, concurrente I” (*Dugd., Monast. Anglic.*, t. II, p. 267). Modern computists account as many Epacts as the moon had days, the last day of the December which has preceded. For instance, in 1760 the Epacts are 12, because Dec. 31, 1759, was the 12th day of the moon. There is, however, an exception, which is, that after 1596 (the first year of the cycle of 19), unity is added to the number of days which the moon had the last day of the preceding December. For example, in 1786, the moon had 29 days on Dec 31, and yet Jan. 1 following the Epact was accounted 30, or 0 Epact, because the year 1786 concurred with the first year of the cycle of 19, and therefore had the Golden Number I. For the same reason, 12 are added to the Epacts 18, 19, and 29. But the ancient computists did not proceed thus; they reckoned as many Epacts as the moon had days on the 22d March, whence, in these kalendars, it is called the *Sedes Epactarum*, or place of the Epacts, according to the rule laid down by Bede—“Omni anno quota luna in undecimo calendarum Apri-

*lis evenerit, tota eodem anno epacta erit*" (*Oper.*, t. I.) This is otherwise expressed in the Saxon kal. T. *sugrā*, p. 57, *Concurr. Loc.*, where *month* has been erroneously printed for *moon*)—"As many days as the moon is old on the 11th day before the kalends of April, so many Epacts you will have in that year." The same rules for the Concurrents and Epacts are found in the half-consumed MS. *Vitellius* (E. XVIII, Case 1, fo. 14), with unimportant variations in orthography, and reading *concupnēter* for *concupnēteſ*. These are the Epacts by which ancient charters and chronicles are dated, and therefore the knowledge of them is necessary to be obtained. But all the ancient computists did not account March 22 the commencement of the Epacts; some began to reckon them, with the Egyptians, in September, four complete months earlier than those who, after the Roman method, did not begin to reckon them until January: "Epactæ," says Bede, "incipiunt, secundum Ægyptios, a calendis Septembri; secundum Romanos, a calendis Januarii." The following is an instance of the first: "Acta sunt hæc—anno ab incarnatione Domini MXCIII, indictione 1, epacta 1." Because this charter was not granted before September, the Epact 1 is good, according to the Egyptians; but, if it had been granted before September, or had been written according to the Romans, it must have been 20. Another charter is dated—"Facta charta ista, mense Novembrio, feria VII, epacta VI, luna VI, anno videlicet ab incarnatione domini MCXLIV." According to the editor of this charter, we should read 1145, and, in fact, all the dates agree with the year 1145—the feria 7 mense Nov., added to the luna 6, proves that it was granted in 1145, Nov. 24, which was Saturday. As to the Epact 6, instead of 25, there is no difficulty after what has been said—that some notaries changed the Epacts from September 1, after the Egyptian usage.

The following is another example of the Egyptian usage among the Latin computists:—"Hæc confirmatio," &c. was made in the year from the incarnation of our Lord 1152, in the month of September, the moon 2nd, day I of the week 1st, solar cycle 13, epact 28, concurrents 2, keys of the terms (see *Claves*) 14, indiction 15. According to the Romans, it should be Epact 12, but Epact 28 is good, according to the Egyptians, in a charter granted like this in September. All the dates are exact, except that of the moon, which appears to be a fault of the copier for XI. This Egyptian method may have been followed by many notaries, but to prove the fact, would require a considerable number of charters that had been made in the four last months of the year. With regard to those which have been granted in January, and the seven following months, though the Epacts are often expressed in the dates, they cannot be adduced as proofs of the Egyptian usage. The reason is very clear—the Epacts in the first eight months are the same, according to both the Roman and the Egyptian usage (*L'Art de vérif. les Dates*, t. I, p. 98, where are several other examples to prove the practice of the French notaries). The Epacts do not appear to have been so frequently employed by the writers of English charters as the former; but we find a rule in the kal. T., to change the Epacts on Sept. 1: "Muta Epactas in kl. Septembri" (Fo. 24 b.) The following are instances of the Epacts in English charters:—A charter of King Athelstan, conveying lands at Kingston to Athelin, his "minister," or thane, is dated "Anno dominice

incarnacionis DCCCCXXXIII, indicione septima, epacta **XIII** concurrentes, **II** idus Septembris, luna **XXIX**" (*Dugd., Monast. Angl.*, t. I, p. 60, *per Ellis*). Here, it is evident, we should read—"epacta **XIV**, concurrentes **II**, idus Septembris." The second charter of Edward the Confessor to Westminster abbey is dated thus—"Dat. Kal. Augusti, anno **V.** regnante serenissimo et glorioissimo Edwardo rege, ab incarnatione autem domini, **MXLV**, indicione **XII**, concurrente **vij**, atque **xviii** epacta" (*Ibid.*, p. 295). As the charter was made August 1, nothing can be inferred from the Epact, which agrees with the year 1044, as also do the indiction and the concurrents. The Editor says that this charter bears date the *fifth of the kalends of August*, 1045, and that, in point of time, it ought to be considered as the first (*Ib.*, p. 268). The date, however, is the kalends of that month, in the fifth year of his reign. In the preceding date of the charter of Henry I to the monastery of Bath (*p.* 115), the year 1101, the indiction is 0, the epact 0, and the concurrent 1. This concurrent answers to the year 1100, of which the indiction is 8; but the calculation having been made without the requisite allowance for the years of the first cycle, elapsed at the birth of Christ, and, giving no remainder, the indiction is written down *nulla*. The Epact of this year is 18, but 29, or *nulla*, answers to the Egyptian style, and proves that the charter was granted after Sept. 1, 1101—or 1102 according to our mode of computation. In charters of different countries, the Epacts are always marked according to the calculations of the ancient computists, who counted as many Epacts in the year as the moon had days on March 22; but why did they count them so, and what use could they make of them? As Easter could not fall earlier than March 22, it was of importance to them to know the moon's age on that day, by which they would know whether the moon that was current on March 22 were the Paschal moon or not, in this manner: if the number of Epacts were above 16, this super number marked that the moon of the 22nd March was not the Paschal moon, and that the Paschal moon was the following moon. On the other hand, if the number of Epacts were under 16, it shewed that the moon which this year ran on the 22nd March was the Paschal moon, and they needed no further information. This will become clear, by the application of the rule to the two first years of the Golden Number, or cycle of 19 years. The first year they counted 29 Epacts: that number is above 16, and, consequently, the moon of March 22 was not Paschal this year, but the following, of which the first day fell March 23. In the second year they counted 11 Epacts, or under 16—then the second moon, which ran on March 22, was Paschal. We may observe, that it is not an error, in the 11th century, to date charters by two different Epacts—*Epacta major* and *Epacta minor*: the first is the solar Epact, which is often confounded with concurrents—the second the lunar Epact, of which the preceding is an account (*Bed. Oper.*, t. I, p. 189). An example may be seen of the use of both Epacts, in the date of a charter published by Mabillon (*Diplom.*, l. VI, p. 581). We now use the Epacts to find the new moons through the year. These new Epacts, though more exact than the ancient, do not, however, indicate with astronomical precision the commencement of the new moon, but often anticipate it by one, two, and

even three days, and rarely indicating the proper day. The Egyptians, says Plutarch, observed the Epacts as the birth-days of their deities, τῶν θεῶν γενέθλιον αγονοῦ.—*De Isid. et Osir.*, c. 12.

Epefania.—Jan. 6. The Epiphany in the kalender of Carthage, whence it appears that, before 483, the festival was celebrated in Africa on this day; and Victor Vitensis, quoted by Mabillon, adds his testimony, that they consecrated the fonts for the baptism of the faithful: “Benedicbant fontes, ut baptizarentur accedentes ad fidem” (*I. II, Veter. Analect.*, p. 167; fol.). See *Epiphania*.

Epiphania, Ephyfania.—The Epiphany, in the Gothic and Gallic ritual.—*Sacrament. Gallic.*, p. 296.

EPIMACHUS.—May 10, with GORDIAN, V. 426; T. 439; E. 453. A martyr in 250 (*Petr. de Natalibus*, I. IV, c. 149): in the Gr. church, May 9. Another Epimachus, with Alexander, mart. 250, Dec. 12.

Epipanti.—Feb. 2. See *Hypapanti*.

Epiphania, Epiphany.—Jan. 6. The manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The Romans had an Epiphany for the appearance of the twin sons of Jupiter (*Dion. Halic.*, I. VI.) The festival of the Nativity of our Lord, and the Epiphany, are said to have been anciently celebrated together, on the 6th January, in Greece and Egypt (*Cassian. Prōem. ad Theophil.*); and Gibbon seems to think that the practice prevailed in Gaul (*Decl. Rom. Emp.*, v. IV, c. 22, n. 22): but it is to be observed, that the ancient Christians made a distinction. They did not term the day of the Nativity ἡ επιφάνεια, but τα επιφάνεια (*Hartmann. de Epiph.*, s. 12, p. 33), and the Epiphany, Jan. 6, has been termed by Latin writers the second Nativity; hence, it is probable that there was no confusion as to the nature of the festival. With respect to its antiquity, some writers have asserted that it was instituted in 812—but, besides that they have mistaken a confirmatory canon for an institute, the kalender of Carthage is a sufficient refutation of this opinion (see *Epefania*). Others trace it to the time of the Apostles (*Pol. Verg.*, I. VI, c. 8, p. 377). It is unquestionably of a very great age, and, under the name of *Theophania*, is mentioned by Basil about the year 370, as a festival in honor of the manifestation of God in the flesh. The Eastern church celebrated the day in commemoration of the baptism of Christ, which they called φωτισμόν, or the illumination, and the festival itself τα αγία φωτα, and ἡμέρα ορ εορτη των αγίων Φωτων, the day or feast of the holy lights. It was usual to baptize on the Epiphany (*Nazianz.*, *Orat.* 3, cent. 4, c. 6), and it was sometimes called *Baptismum* on this account; but in 447, Leo the Great prohibited the custom: “Quod prohibeatur in die epiphaniae baptismum celebrari” (*S. Leon. I, Epist. 4*). The Synod of Mentz, in 813 (*can. 36*), authoritatively enjoined the observance of the Epiphany, and several other festivals, which had been previously celebrated in different churches. Neither the Epiphany, nor the Nativity itself, were universal during the first four centuries, though they were celebrated in some churches; and they are not named by Augustin, in his enumeration of the principal festivals (*Epist. 18, ad Januar.*) In the Western church, the Epiphany takes several names, from the events which it celebrates, and which are briefly stated in a MS. homily of the 15th century, *On the Epi-*

*phany of our Lord Jesus Christ* :—" This day is called þe xij<sup>th</sup> day, but in trewth it is þe xiiij. day of Cristemas, which day holy cherche calleth þe Epiphani, þt is to say, þe sewyng of our souereyn lorde criste, for þt day he was shewed verrey God and man by iij stillies. First by þe iij kinges offring. Second bi his blessid baptysing, and þe third by þe water in to wyne turnyng. The xijij day after Cristes birth he was shewed verrey God and man by iij kynges offryng. an þt same [day] xxxii yere and xiiiij dayes after he was baptysed of seyt John in þe water of flom Jordane. And moreouer xxx yere þe same [day] after þe revolucion of þe yere Criste turnyd water into wyne at þe wedding in Cana Galilee" (*Harl. MS.*, 2247, *fo.* 28). Hospinian says that January 6 was sacred to Augustus, and the church instituted the Epiphany in place of the emperor (*De Origine Fest. Christ.*, *fo.* 33 *b.*) It was Jan. 13 which is now the octave of the Epiphany, that was dedicated to Octavius Augustus. See *Adoratio Magorum*; *Apparitio Domini*; *Baptismum Domini*; *Bethphania*; *Festum Stellæ*; *Dies*, and *Festum trium Regum*; *Secunda Natalis*, or *Nativitas*; *Phagiphania*; *Theophania*; *Three Kings' Day*; *Twelfth Day*, &c.

**Epoch.**—See *Era*. The word is derived from *ετεχειν*, *inhibere*, *resistere*, to restrain or limit. An epoch is a point of time, made remarkable by some event, from which subsequent years are computed and denominated.

**Equinoctium**, *Equinox*.—*Autumnal*, Sept. 21, and, according to the Romans, Sept. 24, V. 430 : Sept. 20, G. 414—according to the Greeks, D. 457.

*Equinoct. Vernal.*—Mar. 21: G. 402; V. 424; D. 451. In the kalendar Julius (*note to G. 402*), the vernal equinox is March 25, which is considered as a common, but erroneous opinion, in the Saxon treatise on the vernal Equinox (*Cott. MS.*, *Tib. A. III*, *fo.* 66 : " It is the opinion of many men, that the Vernal Equinox rightly belongs to the 8th of the kalends of April, that is, to St. Mary's Mass Day (March 25); but all the Orientales and the Egyptians, who were best skilled in mathematics (þe geofr̄t cunnon on genūm ep̄seft), computed that the Vernal Equinox is certainly on the 12th of the kalends of April, that is, on St. Benedict's Mass Day. Moreover, it is directed in the rule which teaches us the holy Easter tide, that the holy Easter Day is never celebrated before the Vernal Equinox be past; and the day exceeds the night in length." In the Council of Jerusalem, held about 200, by command of Victor, against the Quartodecimans, it was argued that no certain rule could be fixed for the celebration of Easter, unless it were first ascertained on what day the world was created; and from the first chapter of Genesis, they decided that the first day of the world was Sunday, in Spring. " Then (said Theophilus), in what place do you believe the heat of the world to have been? in the beginning of the season, in the middle, or in the end?" And the bishops answered—" in the equinox, or the 8th day before the kalends of April"—for " it is written, God made the light, and called the light day; and he made the darkness, and called the darkness night; and he divided the light and the darkness into equal parts." The Vernal Equinox happens when the sun enters Aries, and the Autumnal Equinox when it enters Libra; but, in consequence of the difference of 11 minutes in the length of the Julian and the tropical year, the Equinoxes and the solstices are thrown every year farther backwards, towards the beginning of their respective months. This is called

the anticipation, precession, or retrocession of the Equinoxes, and amounts to one whole day in 130 years. If the Vernal Equinox fell this year on March 10, it will fall, 130 years hence, at the same hour on March 9. The Equinoxes and solstices are commonly calculated from astronomical data, but the following arithmetical rule is given as certain by Strauchius:—Let this be a standing rule, that, in 130 years, they fall a whole day sooner than before; and let one Equinox be pitched upon as a standard or epocha, from which we calculate the others that are supposed to be unknown. Now let a year be proposed, the Equinox of which is inquired after. In this case, I compute my number of years from my epocha, or fixed Equinox; and if the proposed year went before my epocha, I add one day to the computed number of years as often as it contains 130, by reason that, in the interval of time, the Equinoxes had gone as many days backwards as there are 130 in the sum. If the proposed year comes after the epocha, I take off as many days, by reason that the Equinoxes go so many days backwards in that interval of time. After the same manner, we may compute the anticipation of hours and minutes, observing the rules of proportion (*Brev. Chron.*, II, c. 1, s. 5). If you desire to know the Autumnal Equinox from the Vernal—add to that, 186 d., 18 h., 30 m., and you have the time of the Autumnal Equinox, which, again, discovers the following Vernal Equinox, by adding to the time of the Autumnal 178 d., 11 h., 19 m. (*Ib.*, b. III, c. 5, s. 19). The Equinox which, in the time of the Nicene Council, 325, fell on the 20th March, was, in the year 1582, when the kalendar was reformed, thrown back to the 10th March, and the full or Paschal moon removed from the 5th to the 1st April (see *Easter*). For general purposes, the precession of the Equinoxes may be estimated at about seventy years and a half to one degree, that is, 2,115 years to each sign. On this principle, the argument of the bishops in the Council of Jerusalem, as to the creation of the world on March 20, will not stand; for the Vernal Equinox coincided with the first degree of Aries 2,504 years, and with the first degree of Taurus, 4,619 years, before Christ; and to establish M. Dupuis' opinion, that Libra was formerly the sign of the Vernal Equinox, and Aries of the Autumnal Equinox, will require proofs that the world was created 15,194 years before the Christian era.

**Era.**—As chronology is embarrassed with several points of time, from which the course of numbered years is commenced, it may not be useless to exhibit some of the principal eras:—

*Mundane Era of Alexandria and Constantinople*,—commences 5,508 years and 3 months before Christ. The first year of the Incarnation falls in 5509 of the world, and, consequently, 1839 of the Christian Era answers to the Constantinopolitan 7947. The years in this Era are of two kinds—civil and ecclesiastical: the first opens with September, and the other commences sometimes March 21, and sometimes April 1. This Era is still followed in the Greek church. The Russians employed it in their public acts until the reign of Peter the Great, who abolished it in 1700, and substituted the Christian Era and the Julian Kalendar.

*Mundane Era of the Jews*.—The modern Jews have an Era of the creation, which commences October 7 of the Julian period, and reckons 8,761 years before Christ. According to this Era, 3762, A. M., answers to I, A. D.,

and their current year, from the month of September 1839, to the same month 1840, answers to 4601 of their mundane Era.

*Spanish Era.*—This Era was introduced into Spain the year 714 of Rome, and 38 B. C., on the renewal of the triumvirate of Octavian, M. Antony, and Lepidus. It obtained ground not only in Spain and Portugal, but in Africa, and those parts of France which arose from the monarchy of the Visigoths. The Spaniards and the Portuguese constantly used it in their annals and public acts, until the 14th or 15th century, when they adopted the Christian Era. They sometimes employed both Eras in the same instrument; thus, a diploma in Rymer is dated in the ordinary manner—"Saturday before the Nativity, A. D. 1363, to which is added, in the Era 1391, 'æra vero anni millesima ccc nonagesima prima' (*Fædera, tom. III*, p. 270). The difference being exactly 38, the subtraction of that number from any year of the Spanish Era, will give the corresponding year of the Christian Era. The epitaph on King Alphonsus, in Boldonius, states that he died May 7, in the Era 1037, or 999 of the Christian Era, which, however, is not the year assigned to that event by historians: "Rex Adephonsus obiit era XXXXVII nonis Maii."—*Epigraph.*, p. 66.

*Mahometan Era, or Hegyra.*—To reduce the years of the Hegyra to the vulgar Era, we must convert both years into solar years, and then add the year 622, the date of the Prophet's flight. Thus, 1261 of the Hegyra answers to 1839, commencing Jan. 1, and ending Jan. 3.

*Dionysian, or Vulgar Era*,—was invented by Dionysius Exiguus, who lived in the reign of Justinian, about A. D. 550. It received its present form chiefly through the labours of the venerable Bede. This Era was not introduced into France until after the 8th century. It was employed for the first time in the acts of the Councils of Germany, Liptines, and Soissons, which were held in the years 742, 743, and 744, under Pepin le Court. The kings of France did not use it in their diplomas until the end of the 9th century, and the Popes only since the 11th century.

*French, or Republican Era*,—commenced with the epoch of the Revolution, Sept. 22, 1792. See *Years of Christ*.

*Correspondence of some Eras with the Years of Christ.*

*Olympiads.*—The first year of the 195th Olympiad commences July 1, A. D. 1.

*Indictions.*—The 4th year of the *Constantinopolitan Indiction* commences Sept. 1 before A. D. 1.  
The 4th year of the *Constantinian Indiction* commences Sept. 24 before A. D. 1.  
The 4th year of the *Pontifical Indiction* commences Jan. 1, A. D. 1.

*Era of Alexander.*—The year 5503 of this Era commences Aug. 1 before A. D. 1.

*Ecclesiastical Era of Antioch.*—The year 5493 commences Dec. 1 before A. D. 1.

*Mundane Era of Constantinople.*—The year 5509 commences Sept. 1 before A. D. 1.

*Era of the Greeks*.—The year 313 commences Sept. 1, according to some authors, and, according to others, Oct. 1, A. D. 1. A third class make it begin with Aug. 1, A. D. 2.

*Cæsarian Era of Antioch*.—According to medals, the year 49 of this Era commences Sept. 1 before A. D. 1; and, according to public acts, Sept. 1, A. D. 1.

*Spanish Era*.—The year 39 of Spain commences Jan. 1, A. D. 1.

*Era of the Martyrs*.—The year 1 of this Era commences Aug. 29, A. D. 284.

*Hegyra*.—The year 1 of this Era commences July 16, A. D. 622.

*Era* sometimes occurs for *annus*, as in the following date, in which the writer has omitted the word *trigesima*: “Facta carta est ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo centesimo, luna XVIII, indictione VIII, era millesima centesima octava” (*Du Cange, Gloss.*, t. I, col. 206). This is more remarkable in the date of the Council of Arragon, in 1062: “Data est sententia VII kal. Jul., era MLXII.”

*Era, or Era, Januaria*.—The date of the introduction of commencing the year with Jan. 1, in France. See *Years of Christ*.

*ERACLUS*.—Dec. 4, with Prudens, G. 419.

*ERASMUS*.—June 2 (*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 87 b.); June 3, according to ancient charters (*Verif. des Dates*). There is also an Erasmus, Nov. 25.

*ERHARD*.—Jan. 8: a Frisian bishop in 458, canonized by Leo IX about 1050 (*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 6). See *IRCHARD*.

*ERKENWALD*.—April 30: T. 438. Bishop of London in the 7th cent. (*Bed. Eccl. Hist.*, l. IV, c. 6): Nov. 14, in *Paston Lett.*, v. IV, p. 456, but this is erroneous.

*ERMENILD, ERMENILDA*.—Feb. 3: queen of Wulfhere, king of the Mercians.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. I, p. 102.

*Essoin Days*.—From the Norm. Fr., *essoin*, an excuse. An Essoin Day is a day of indulgence to a person summoned to appear to an action, &c., on account of sickness, or other just cause of absence. The Essoin Day in court is regularly the first day of every term, yet the fourth day after is allowed by way of indulgence.—*1 Lill. Abr.*, 540; *Jacob, Law Dict.*

*Esterdai, Estermes, Estern Day*.—Easter Day (*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX, fo. 49 b.*) The mass of Easter (v. I, p. 205, l. 3), Easter Day: “Worshipfull frendis, ye shall vnderstonde þis day in sum place is called Estern Day, in sum place Pace Day, and in sum place Goddis Day.”—*Sermo in Die Pasche, Harl. MS. 2247, fo. 94*.

*Estermes*.—See *Esterdai*.

*Esterne Evyn*.—Easter Eve: “Whiche l're cam un to oure sayde lady est'ne evyn, at xi. clok.”—*Paston Lett.*, v. I, p. 216.

*ESTREUNNE*.—Dec. 26: L. 461. Octaves of St. *STEPHEN*, Jan. 2, L. 472.

*Est Evys*.—Eves of Easter. In the accounts of the prioress of St. Mary de Pree, among the disbursements for pytaunces on certain days is the following: “It'm paid for ale and wyne on two Sherehursdays, and vpon ij Fry days, and on ij Est Evys, viij*s.*”—*Dugd. Monast. Anglic*, t. III, p. 359, *per Ellis*.

*ESTIENNE aux Oues, or aux Oyes*.—The discovery of St. Stephen's relics, Aug. 3—so called because, in some places, *oies*, or geese, are brought into the churches dedicated to him.

**ESTIENNE** le Depenne.—The same day so called *a paenit liberatus*.

**Esto mihi.** Quinquagesima Sunday, so called from the introit of the mass, from *Ps. 31*—“*Esto mihi in Deum protectorem:*” “*Esto mihi, Fleske Sonstag*” (*Ol. Worm., Fast. Dan.*, p. 72). See *Carnisprivium*.

**Estre.**—Easter. *Robert of Glouce. Chron.*, p. 439, &c.

**Estryn.**—Easter: “After this estryn.”—*Paston Lett.*, 1449, v. III, p. 80.

**Est Weke.**—Easter Week.—*Past. Lett.*, v. III, p. 296.

**ETHEDRED.**—Etheldritha. *MS. Lives of Saints, temp. Hen. VI.*

**ETHELDRITHA, Virg.**—June 23: E. 454; L. 466. See *ÆTHELDRYTHE; Awdry's Day*.

**ÆTHELWOLD.**—August 1 (see *ATHELWOLD*). There was also a bishop of Lin- disfarne of this name, who died in 740.—*Bed., Hist. Eccl.*, l. V, c. 13.

**ETTO.**—July 10: an Irish saint of the 7th cent.—*Brit. Sanct.*, p. II, p. 31.

**EUCARPUS.**—Sept. 25. G. 414.

**EUCIUS.**—Oct. 5: G. 415. See *EUTICIUS*.

**EUFEMIA.**—Apr. 7 (Apr. 13, T. 438), Aug. 17, Sept. 16: G. 403, 411, 413; E. 457. “*xvi kal. Oct., Sanctæ Eufimiae*” (*Kalendar of Carthage, Ma- bill. Vet. Analect.*, p. 185). She was a martyr of Chalcedon, on this day in 907, “under Dioclesian” (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 84). She is better known as *EUPHEMIA*.

**EUFROINE, EUFROY.**—See *EUPHRONE*.

**EUGENIA.**—May 25: a virgin martyr on this day.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. II, c. 3.

**EULALIA, EULALIE.**—Dec. 10: G. 419; T. 446; E. 460: “*vi id. Dec. Natalis sanctæ Eulaliae virginis*” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826): “The passion of St. Eulalia” (*Menol. Sax., Jul. A. X.*) She was martyred at Merida in 304, “*apud Barcinonam, IIII id. Decemb.*” (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 54). She is celebrated by Prudentius (*Hymn 3*), but her acts are not deemed authentic. This saint gives name to several villages and churches in Guyenne and Languedoc, where she is called Aulaire, Olacie, Occille, Olazie, &c. (*Verif. des Dates*, t. I, p. 67). There was another martyr of this name under Dioclesian, Feb. 12; and Eulalia, March 12, G. 402.

**EUPHEMIA.**—April 13 (*Aufemria*, G. 411): V. 425; T. 438. “*Id. April. Natalis sanctæ Euphemiae virginis*” (*Kal. Arr.* 826): with Lucin and Germanian, Sept. 16—in the Greek ch., July 11 and Sept. 16. See *EUFEMIA*.

**EUPHRASIA.**—March 13: a virgin in 720 (*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 50 b.) In Greek ch., July 25.

**EUPHRONE, EUPHRONIUS.**—Aug. 4: a bishop in 573.

**EUPHROSyna.**—Feb. 11: a virgin of Alexandria (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 113). Another, martyred under Dioclesian, May 7.

**EUPLUS, EUPOLIUS** (G. 411)—Aug. 12: a martyr in the city of Catania, under Dioclesian and Maximian (304).—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 53.

**EUPSYCHIUS.**—April 9 (*Martyrol. Rom.*, p. 100). Sainte Eupsique, a virgin martyred in Cæsarea, 362.—*Verif. des Dates*, t. II, p. 50).

**Europa Festorum Sancta.**—April 20: G. 403. Does this refer to Sulpitius and Servilianus, who, after converting a number of ladies to Christianity, were martyred on this day at Rome, under Trajan?—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 68.

**EUSEBIUS.**—Aug. 14: G. 411; V. 429; T. 442; E. 446: “*Liberj, pope, held*

heresy of Arian, 't seynt Euseby, prest, was martered, for he provéd hym an heretyk' (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 153 b*). Having condemned the Arianism of the emperor Constantine and Pope Liberius, he was seized by the emperor at the request of the pope, and confined seven months in prison, where he died, "xix kal. Augusti" (*Pet. de Natal., l. VII, c. 62; Hospin., fo. 127 b.*) There were also—1, **EUSEBIUS**, June 23, G. 408: "xi kal. Julii, Natalia S. Eusebii episcopi" (*Kal. Arr., 826*). This was Eusebius the historian, bp. of Sarmosata in 379 (*Petr. de Natal., l. V, c. 134*)—2, a monk, Nov. 5, G. 417. Felix, a priest, and Eusebius, a monk, suffered in Campania, in the time of Claudius, on the nones of November (*Petr. de Natalib., l. X, c. 28*)—3, an abbot, Jan. 23—4, mart. under Julian, Sept. 8—5, pope, 310, Sept. 26—6, bishop of Vercelli, 371, formerly Aug. 1, now Dec. 15.

**EUSTACE, EUSTACHE, EUSTACHIUS, EUSTASIUS**, § Comp.—Nov. 2: V. 482; T. 445; D. 459. The festival of All Souls, though instituted between the 7th and 11th centuries, does not appear to have been adopted by the Saxon church. Nov. 2, in the Sax. Menol., is occupied with the feast of St. Cesar, or Cesarius, and the passion of St. Benignus. The day of St. Eustace and companions, martyred in 2nd cent., was altered to Sept. 20, probably to make room for the feast of All Souls. This saint is probably **EUSTOCHIUM**. There were also—2, bp. of Tours, 461, Sept. 19—3, an abbot, companion of Columban, 625, March 29.—*Bed. in Vit., t. III*.

**EUSTATHIUS**.—July 16: patriarch of Antioch, 388—2, bp. of Antioch, 370, Feb. 10.

**EUSTOCHIUM**.—Nov. 2: a virgin martyr in Tarsus, under Julian (*P. de Nat., l. X, c. 10*)—2, a disciple of St. Jerome, interred this day at Bethlehem (*Lib. cit., c. 11*)—3, the Eustachius of the kalendars V., T. and D., is probably found in the following class; Demetrius, bishop, Amatus, deacon, **EUSTOCHIUM**, virgin, and twenty others, at Antioch, Nov. 10, "III id. Novembbris," which is, perhaps, a mistake for *III non. Nov.* (*P. de Nat., l. XI, c. ult., n. 314*)—Another, 419, Sept. 28.

**EUTICIUS, EUTYCHIUS**.—Aug. 5. In G. 411, *Eucius*; in Jul. and Tib., **EUTICIUS**. Placidus, Eutychius, and thirty other martyrs, in Sicily, "III non. Augusti."—*Petr. de Natal., l. XI, v. ult., n. 271*.

**EUTROPIUS**.—April 30. This saint is of some antiquity, having been present at the miracle of the loaves and fishes (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ., fo. 81*). Another, June 8, canonized in the 7th cent. (*Lib. cit., fo. 16*). A companion of Dionysius.—*Petr. de Natal., l. IV, c. 105*.

**EUTYCHANUS, EUTYCIANUS**.—Dec. 8: pope and martyr, 283. He suffered "VI id. Decemb."—*Petr. de Natal., l. I, c. 45*.

**EUVRCIUS, EUVRTICUS**.—Sept. 7: E. 457. A bishop of Orleans, who died "VII id. Septembrii," in the time of Constantine (*Petr. de Natal., l. VIII, c. 48*). By an uncorrected typographical error of some age, this is the *Enurchus* of the Comm. Pr. Book; he is also called *Evodius* in some kalendars. In French, he is *Euvrete*, who died 340.—*L'Art de vérifier les Dates, t. II, p. 60*.

**Eure**.—Hoar, in the articles of peace, between Edward III and the earl of March at Berwick-upon-Tweed, in 1348: "A l'eure de soleil couchant."—*Rymer, t. III, p. 170*.

Eve, Even, Eveyne, Evon, Evyn.—The day before a festival. Henry III seized the franchise of the city of London in 1248, “on the euyne of seynt Bartholomew, and commytted the rule of the cyte to William Haueryl and Edwardre of Westmynstre tyll oure Lady Day next following, at which season the mayre and shriues were agayne to theyr offices admytted” (*Fabyan, Chron.*, p. 336, *by Ellis*): “Vpon seynt Andrewes evyn” (*Ib.*, p. 321):—

“ *y þen weye fram Peunseye, toward his fader he nom,  
A sein Kenelines eue, to Winchestre he com.*”

*Robert of Glouce., l. II, p. 556.*

The following explanation of this name is given in the Festiall of Englysshe Sermones: “ þen schall ȝe knowe how suche euonys were firste fowndon in olde tyme: in þe begynnyng of holy church men and women com yn to church ouer nyȝte w<sup>i</sup> candelus & ob<sup>r</sup> lyȝte, & woken in þe church alle nyȝte in her deuocyonis; but astur by processe of tyme men lafton such deuocyon, & ersetdon songus & dansus, & so fallen to lechery & to glotyny & þus turned þe good holy deuocion in to synne. Wherfore holy faders ordeynyd þe pe-pull to leue þt wakynge, & faste þe euon, & so turned þe wakynge in to fastyng, but gett hit holdiþ þe olde name, & is called in Latyn, vigilia, þt is wakynge in Englysch; and also in Englisch hit is called þe euen, for at euon þey weron woned to com to church as I haue tolde yow” (*Lansdowne MS.*, 392, *fo.* 80). In consequence, as here stated, of the licentiousness and debauchery which attended the nocturnal meetings in sepulchres and churches, councils, having first prohibited women from approaching even the cemeteries (*Hildebr. de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 73), Boniface I, in 420, ordered the fasts of vigils or eves to be held instead of them, on the day previous to the greater festival (*Casal.*, p. 428), but retained the original name of vigil—our watching, wake or wakes. Eve, as above stated, alluded to the time of the original watch, and hence Latin writers sometimes use *night* for *eve*, as *Nox Sancta*, the holy night, or *Eve of Easter*. Dr. Jamieson, speaking of the terminations “e'en, even,” found at the end of some words, as “Hallowe'en, Fastense'en, &c.,” says that they “were first employed, because originally all feasts commenced and ended in the evening. The day was primitively computed in this manner: ‘The evening and the morning were the first day,’ and the Jews still adhere to this mode of computation. We have a remnant of the same ancient custom in the words se'night and fortnight, instead of seven or fourteen days.” This sufficiently accounts for calling the previous day the eve: but Hallowe'en, when it is not Scottish, may be a corruption of the old plural Hallowen. In a petition in 1430, four marks are said to have been bequeathed, to be paid “ate the termes underwritten to the prisoners in Newgate, yat is to sey, on Cristemassee even x<sup>t</sup>, and on our Lady even Yassumption x<sup>t</sup>, and on Alle Halowen even x<sup>t</sup>” (*Rot. Parl.*, 9 Hen. VI, t. IV, p. 370). See *Vigil, Vigilia*.

**EVENTIUS.**—May 3. He suffered with Pope Alexander and another, under Trajan (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 118). See *Alexander*.

**Eveson, Eve Song.**—The first vespers; *Lucernarium*; the Saxon æfenfang, a canonical hour, about 4 o'clock:

"Kýng Wyllam was to mylde men debonere ý nou,  
 Ac to men, þat hým wýþsede, to all sturnhede he drou,  
 In chyrche he was deouot ý nou, vor hým ne ssolde non day abýde,  
 þat he ne hurde masse ý matýns, ý eueson, ý echetyde."

*Robert of Glouc., v. II, p. 369.*

"Also suche sayd comyng to gedyr, we woll and ordeyne to be kept dayly at sex at the clok aftyr none, or sone aftyr, from oure lady day the annunciation to Myghelmasse day, and from Myghelmasse to our Lady Day the Annunciation in Wyntyrsonne sone aftyr Evesong" (*Hearne, Duo Rerum Angl. Scriptores, t. II, p. 556*). See *Hours, Canonical*.

EVEYN, EVON.—See *Eve*.

EVODIUS.—See EUURCIUS.

EVORTIUS.—See EVENTIUS.

EVROUL.—See EBRLFUS.

EVURTIIUS.—See EUURCIUS.

EWALDS, the Two.—See *Duo EWALDI*.

Exaltatio Sanctæ Crucis.—Sept. 14: V. 430; T. 443; E. 457; L. 469. In Mirk's Festiall, "De Exaltatione Sanctæ Crucis Sermo":—Suche a day ge schul haue holy rode day, þe whyche day ge schal come to þe chirch in worship of God and þe crosse þt criste dyed on to bye alle man kynde; þan ge schal knowe þt þe holy rode day is callud þe fyndyng of þe crosse þt comuth astur, for þt day holy chyrch makuth mynde of seyt Heleyn (þt) fonde þe crosse; But þis day is þe axaltacion of þe cros, oper þe lyfting vp of þe crosse" (*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II, fo. 105 b.*) The passage continues, with an account of the throwing down of the cross and its restoration, which is called the Exaltation, or raising, of the Cross. It is stated, as on the authority of Nicephorus (*I. VIII, c. 29*), that this festival commenced, by order of Helen, at Jerusalem in 325; but Nicephorus speaks merely of the raising, or invention, of what is said to be the true cross, in which sense is to be understood what Chrysostom says of the Exaltation (*Oper., t. V, hom. 81*). Gretscher, the Jesuit, quoted by Hospinian, pretends that it was celebrated Sept. 14, under Constantine the Great, about 337. Others, on the authority of the Acts of St. Mary the Egyptian, pretend that it was celebrated at Jerusalem before the emperor Heraclius had carried thither the true cross, which he recovered in 628. After 690, several writers speak of it as having been instituted by Heraclius about 631; and Durandus, taking that statement for granted, maintains that, on account of its founder, it is a greater festival than that of the invention (*De Rat. Div. Off., l. VII, c. 29*). Genibrard, in *Chron.*, says that Honorius I introduced it into the West in 630. "What is true," say the French chronologists, "is that, at Jerusalem, the dedication of the church of the Resurrection, built by St. Helen, is celebrated on Sept. 14, and that on this day they worship the true cross" (*L'Art de verifier les Dates, t. II, p. 14*). A piece of wood is also worshipped at Rome on this day, as a portion of the true cross, which Sergius I about 690, placed in a silver box in St. Peter's cathedral (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ., fo. 196 b.*) It seems from this that the relic of the true cross, which others say was deposited at Constantinople, has the useful property of being in two places at once. In dates, the *Exaltatio S. Crucis* sometimes occurs without

the addition of *Dies* or *Festum*, as in a charter quoted by the French chronologists : " Haec confirmatio facta est—anno ab Incarnatione Domini MCLII, mense Septembri, in exaltatione sanctæ Crucis, &c."—*L'Art de verif. les Dates*, t. I, p. 92.

**Exaudi, Domine.**—Introit and name of Sunday in the octaves of the Ascension, from *Ps.* 27 : " Exaudi, Domine, vocem meam qua clamavi ad te." This is one of the Rose Sundays. See *Dominica de Rosa*, &c.

**Exceptio Reliquiarum S. DIONYSII**, cum Sociis ejus.—July 15. *Kal. Arr.*, 826.

**Expectatio Beatae MARIE, or Puerperii B. MARIE.**—The feast of the expectation of the Virgin's parturition, grows out of the equinoctial festival of the Annunciation, which was originally celebrated with the Incarnation, March 25. Because this frequently happened in Lent, or during the Easter ceremonies, the Council of Toledo 11, in 656, ordered the Annunciation and Incarnation to be celebrated a week before Christmas. This decree was confirmed by St. Ildefonso, who gave it the present name, and the *Dict. de Trevoux* makes it synonymous with the Annunciation. It is celebrated in some churches on the 18th Dec., in others on the 16th, and in the ancient Spanish church on Sunday before Christmas day. The Spaniards called it *Nostra Signora dell'O*—Our Lady of the O; and the French, *La Feste des O*—the Festival of the O's, because on this day the first of the anthems, called the O O of the Advent, was sung. During this octave they sang, instead of the *Magnificat*, an anthem every day beginning with the interjection O, as " O rex gentium," " O Emmanuel,"—from which last arose the English Nowel and French Noel, as names of Christmas. In the statutes of St. Paul's, says Jacob, there is a chapter " De faciendo O" (*Liber Statut. MS.*, fo. 86). The French also name it *L'Atteinte des Couches de Notre Dame*. See *Annunciatio ; Festivitas Dominicæ Matris*.

**EXUPERANTIUS.**—A bishop of Toulouse, " iv kal. Octob."—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 120. This appears to be the Exuperus following.

**EXUPERUS, bp. & Confessor.**—Sept. 28 : E. 457. He died about 409. His feasts are June 14 and Sept. 28 (*Verif. des Dates*, t. II, p. 61). The first is probably his translation, as, according to Petrus de Natalibus, who calls him Exuperantius, he died Sept. 28.

**Exurge, Domine.**—Introit and name of Sexagesima Sunday, from *Ps.* 43— " Exurge, quare abdormis, Domine ?"

**FABIAN & SEBASTIAN.**—Jan. 20 : V. 422 ; T. 435 ; E. 449 ; L. 461. " xiii kal. Feb. Natalis Sanctorum Martyrum Fabiani et Sebastiani" (*Kal. Arr.*, 826); " Fabian, the noble martyr, and Sebastian the holy pope" (*Sax. Men.*) Fabian suffered Jan. 20, 250, and Sebastian, surnamed the Defender, in 304. In the Greek church, the day of Sebastian is Dec. 19. In Old Germ. and Engl., Jan. 20 is called Bastian's Day, and Fabian is named Sabian by Petr. de Natalibus, *Catal. Sanct.*, l. III, c. 412.

**Factus est Dominus.**—Introit and name of the second Sunday after Pentecost.

**Færeld Freols.**—Saxon name of Pascha—literally, the *journey festival*, and so a translation of *pascha*, the pass-over; thus, in archbp. Ælfric's sermon on the sacrifice of Easter, he says—þeor t'w iþ gehaten on eþne;rcum geþeorne;

pæca. þ is on leðen tƿanfæstu. ȝ on englisc fæneld. for þam on þírum væge fænde goder folc fnam egypta lande ofer pa neadan ræ. fnam þeopote to þam behatenum eajrde. uue ȝnhten fæjd eac on þyrne timan. ȝpa ȝpa re godverpellefne iohns cræð. fnam þýrum miðvan eajrde to his heofonlican fæder—[this time is called in the Hebrew language *Pasea*, that is, in Latin, *Transitus*, and in English *Færelid* (a passage), because on this day the people of God passed over the Red Sea, out of bondage, into the Land of Promise. Our Lord also passed at this time, as the gospel writer John saith, from this world unto his heavenly father]—*Cott. MS., Faust. A. IX., fo. 135.*\*

FAITH.—Oct. 6 (see FEY; FIDES). This is the name, in the Comm. Pr. Book, of Fides, a virgin who is said to have suffered in 287.

Famenoth.—Feb. 26: V. 423. The commencement of the 7th Egyptian month called Phamenoth, in which, at the beginning of Spring, was celebrated the festival called the entrance of Osiris into the moon—εμβασιν Οσυριδος εις την σηληνην ονομαζοντες (*Plut. de Is. & Osir.*, c. 43). This was a festival celebrating the full moon after the equinox, and was converted by the Romanists into the Annunciation, by which our Lord is made the sun entering Isis, whose person and attributes they have bestowed upon the Virgin.

FARA.—Dec. 5: “(Burgundofara) virg., abbess, 656.” The same, or another, in the time of the emperor Heraclius, Dec. 7: “vii id. Decemb.”—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I., c. 39.

Faranyear.—“Every one knows that the epithet given to Robert III (of Scotland) was *Faranyeir*; but the import of the word is not generally known. *Faren*, *faran*, is gone or past, as *furand* is going or passing. Thus, *Faranyeir* means of the past year, or late—and Robert Faranyeir is precisely *the late King Robert*. Robert III sometimes received the appellation of John *Faranyeir*, because his baptismal name was John. And he was so distinguished from John Baliol, or John the First” (*Lord Hailes' Annals of Scotl.*, v. II, p. 282). Dr. Jamieson dissents from this opinion; he says—“After he had, for whatever cause, assumed the name of Robert, the people, struck with the singularity of the circumstance, in a ludicrous way called him John Fernyeir, because he was formerly named John; literally, *he who last year was John*”—*Etymol. Dict., art. Fernyear*.

Fasguntide.—Shrovetide.

Fastens, Fastenseen, Fasternseen.—Ancient names of Shrovetide, and signifying the eve of the fast, which commenced on the following day. Fastmas Even appears to be still in use in Scotland: thus, Sir W. Scott, introducing a cock-fight at this time, makes one of his characters say—“Gone to see a wheen midden cocks pike ilk other harns out?” “It is, indeed, a brutal amusement, Andrew; I suppose you have none such in Scotland?” “Na,

\* A quotation, taken from some incorrect copy of this sermon, appears in a note to Vol. I., p. 295; at least it agrees neither with this MS., nor Lisle's printed copy from another MS. The Cott. MS. reads thus:—þ huel iþ hylperðlic. na eee. bñorñendlic. ȝ bið fricce mælum to baleð. beþpux toðum to copeñ. ȝ to þam buce aferð, &c.—[The housel is transient, not eternal; corruptible, and is separated into pieces, chewed between the teeth, and passed into the stomach.]

na," answered Andrew—"unless it be on Eastern's Even or the like" (*Rob Roy*, v. II, c. 2). This designation is older than the English; for Shrovetide and Shrove Tuesday are not to be found in the Anglo-Saxon, nor does it appear that there is any particular name for the day in that language. The Anglo-Saxon word *fæsten* signifies a fast in general; but, allied to the Scotch term denoting Shrove Tuesday, the Germans have *Fast Nacht* and *Fastel Abend*, literally signifying Fastnight and Fasteven. *Ene*, even, is sometimes found as a termination in our old English writers; thus—

" Hii bygonne an Holy Thoresene þen toun asaly þere  
Stalwardlyche & vaste ynou, noblemen as yt were."

*Robert of Gloucester*, v. I, p. 304.

Sometimes it is used as a distinct word: in a chronicle quoted by Hearne, King John is said to have been born in 1166, "in the Cristesmasse ene." —*Ibid.*, p. 484.

**Fast Days.**—Days of fasting and humiliation, appointed to be observed by public authority. There are, says Jacob, fixed days of fasting enjoined by our church, at certain times of the year mentioned in ancient history, particularly in the 2d & 3d *Edw.* VI, c. 19, and 5th *Eliz.*, c. 5: and by 12th *Car.* II, c. 14, the 30th of Jan. is ordained to be a day of fasting and repentance, for the murder of King Charles I. Other days of fasting, which are not fixed, are occasionally appointed by the king's proclamation. Though abstinence from eating flesh is required on these days by our laws, it is made penal to affirm that any forbearing of flesh is necessary to salvation." (*1 Hawk. P. C.*, 8). The fast days are all evens or vigils; the 40 days of Lent—the ember days of the four seasons—the three Rogation Days, and all Fridays except Christmas Day.

**Fastingong.**—Shrovetide: "Wretyn at London y<sup>e</sup> xliij day of Feuer, A<sup>o</sup> E. iiiij<sup>t</sup>, xvij. ye Fryday a for Fastyngong" (*Paxton Letters*, v. II, p. 206). Shrove Tuesday, in 1477, fell on February 18—therefore Sir John Fenn is in error when he supposes, on the authority of a letter (in *v. II*, p. 134), that the reign of Edward IV began March 4, 1460. The letter to which he refers is probably misdated.

**Fastmas, Fastron Evyn, Fastrynge's Ewyn.**—Ancient names of Shrovetide. The German *Fastnacht* is equivalent to the two latter terms, the eve of Shrovetide, and is not to be confounded, as is sometimes the case, with *Fassnacht*, or Quinquagesima Sunday: "Der Herren Fassnacht"—literally, the barrel night of the Lords, or clergy, whose revelries on this day gave it the name. See *Hospin.*, *Fest. Christ.*, fo. 46, who calls it *Clericorum*, or *Dominicorum Bacchanalia*.

**FAUSTINUS**—July 29: G. 410. Suffered in 287, with Felix, Beatrix, and Simplicius, under Dioclesian at Rome.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 153.

**FAUSTUS.**—Dec. 15: G. 419. See **CANDIDUS** & **FAUSTUS**. Another, who suffered with seventeen companions in Cæsarea Augusta, April 16 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 56), is called Haustus in *G.* 403, and Faustinus in *Jul.*, p. 403 n.

**Feast.**—A portion of time observed with peculiar rites, in commemoration of some person, thing, or event: thus, there are feasts of apostles, martyrs, VOL II. 8

saints, relics, the cross, the assumption, discoveries and translations of bones, &c.—all these are objects of religious veneration: “sanctis—honore afficiendis atque invocandis, & sacris eorum reliquijs, cineribusq. venerandis”—[the saints are to be honoured and prayed to, and their relics and ashes to be venerated (*Catechism. ex Decret. Concil. Trident., c. 3, p. 325; Colon., 1572.*)]. The exordium of the greater portion of homilies on feasts, exhorts the people to worship God and the saint (see STEVEN, &c.): there was no affectation in the authours, as in modern writers, of paying one kind of adoration to the Creator, and another to the creature (see *Wiseman's 13th Lecture—“Invocation of Saints: their Relics and Images”*). The institution of feasts, which Petrobrusianorum argues (from *Colos. 2, Gal. 4, and Rom. 14*) are contrary to Christianity (*Hospin., Fest. Christ., c. 1 & 2*), is openly confessed by Polydore Vergil to be a direct imitation of paganism (*De Invent. Rer., l. VI, c. 8, p. 379*). They are, for by far the greater part, nothing more than pagan festivals with Christian names, and Gregory the Great himself commanded, “festa Paganorum sensim in Christiana commutanda esse, et quædam ad eorum similitudinem facienda, ut facilius fidei Christianæ accederent”—[the festivals of pagans to be gradually changed into Christian festivals, and others to be made in resemblance of them] *Lib. IX, ep. 71*. The festivals of the Apostles and the Virgin are all of this description; and, as the followers of Isis were very numerous in Rome, the rites and titles of that goddess were appropriated by the corrupt Christians to the mother of Jesus—and even the dress, utensils, and manners of the Isiaci, or priests of Isis, were exactly copied by the Christian idolaters of Mary, and are still worn and practised by the Roman Catholic priests. The Februa, Lemuria, Charistia, Bacchanalia, Cerealia, Lupercalia, and a multitude of other pagan festivals, were professedly, and as many more directly, imitated by the corrupted Christians. The primitive church had only three festivals—Sundays, Easter and Pentecost: the memory of martyrs began to be revered by the church of Smyran about 170, in consequence, probably, of the martyrdom of Polycarp (see *Natale; Natalis; Natalitium*). This practice introduced a number of false martyrs, both by ignorant mistake and wilful fraud, and the grossest forgeries both of saints and relics have been imposed, to the scandal even of many Romanists, for genuine upon the people (*Mabillon, Iter. Ital., p. 225*). “It is certain that, in the early ages, the Christians often made free with the sepulchral stones of heathen monuments, which, being ready cut to their hands, they converted to their own use, and, turning downward the side on which the old epitaph was engraved, used either to inscribe a new name on the other side, or leave it without any, as they are often found in the catacombs of Rome. This custom has frequently been the occasion of ascribing martyrdom and saintship to the persons and names of mere pagans. Mabillon gives a remarkable instance of it, in an old stone found in the grave of a Christian, with this inscription:—

D. M.  
IVLIA EVODIA  
FILIA FECIT  
MATRI.

And because, in the same grave, there was also found a glass phial or lachrymatory vessel, tinged with a reddish colour, which they called blood, they looked upon it as a certain proof of martyrdom—that Julia Evodia, though undoubtedly a heathen, was presently adopted both for a saint and martyr on the authority of an inscription, that appears evidently to have been one of those abovementioned, and borrowed from a heathen sepulchre. But whatever the party there borrowed might have been, whether heathen or Christian, it is certain, however, that it could not be Evodia herself, but her mother only, whose name is not there dignified (*Dr. Middleton, from Mabill., Diar. It., p. 18*). “The corruption of the word *Soracte* (*Horat., I, 9*), a mountain in sight of Rome, has, according to Addison, added one saint to the Roman kalendar (*Travels from Pesaro to Rome, &c.*) ; being now softened, because it begins with S, into St. Oreste, in whose honour a monastery is founded in the place—a change very natural, if we consider that the title of a saint is never written at length, but commonly expressed by the single letter S, as *S. Oracte* (s. oracte); and thus this holy mountain now stands under the protection of a patron, whose being and power are just as imaginary as those of its old guardian, Apollo : ‘Sancti custos Soractis Apollo.’ *Æn. II.*”  *Middleton, Letter from Rome*). A slight sketch of the progress of consecrated days may not be useless.

#### PROGRESS OF FESTIVALS AND HOLIDAYS.

*Century 1.*—The primitive church had very few festivals, and celebrated in this age only Sundays, Easter and Pentecost: Not a word occurs respecting the worship of saints and images.

*Century 2.*—Telesephorus, after 127, instituted the fast of Lent (*Scaliger in Euseb., l. IV, c. 5*). Polydore Vergil denies that he was the author, and insists that he merely added a week to it (*De Invent. Rer., l. VI, c. 9, p. 350*). About 150, commenced the superstitious observance of days and times: in 157, Pius determined that the Resurrection should be commemorated on Sunday (*Euseb. Reusner.*) The Nativity of Christ is mentioned in 170 by Theophilus, bishop of Antioch, in his Paschal Epistle, quoted by Nicephorus (*Hist. Eccles., l. VII, c. 5*); but it was not universal in the four first ages, nor until after the commencement of the sixth century (*Hildebrand. de Diebus Sanctis, p. 20*). Hospinian says that it began to be celebrated about 190.—*De Festis Christ., fo. 15.*

*Century 3.*—Many heathenish principles and usages were adopted by the church. Pope Calixtus, about 219, instituted the ember fasts, for the benefit of the harvests, the olive-fields and the vineyards.

*Century 4.*—The worship of saints began about 317; and Eusebius quotes Plato, as an exhortation to the Christians to do for their martyrs, what the Pagans did for their heroes and demigods—honor them, pray to them, and make vows to them. Constantine the Great decreed that the days of martyrs should be observed (*Euseb. Vit. Const., l. IV.*) The number of festivals was greatly increased by the Council of Laodicea, in 368, can. 37 & 39; and Theodore says that the dead Christians occupied the places of the Gods in the temples. For the Pandii, Diasili, and Dionysii, that is, for the rites of Jupiter and father Bacchus, rites were commonly performed, with a feast,

to Peter, Paul, Thomas, Sergius, Marcellus, Antony, Maurice, and other saints and martyrs (*l. VIII.*); and he might have added, that Sergius and *Bacchus* were, as they still are, both worshipped in the same festival (see *SERGIUS and BACCHUS*). The Annunciation is mentioned by Athanasius; the Maccabees by Nazianzen, and some natal days appear to have been made in this century.—*Ambros.*, I, *ep. 5.*

*Century 5.*—The superstitious Christians began to observe the Rogations, the festivals of the Circumcision, Palm-branches, Ashes, Nativity of Stephen, Michael the archangel, Peter's Chair, Forty Martyrs, Thomas the monk, Advent, Nativity of John the Baptist and of John Chrysostom—besides the days of the martyrs Cyprian, Stephen, Laurence, Agnes, Ursula, Eusebius, and Lucana, and the translation of Ignatius, which is mentioned by Evagrius, *l. I. c. 16.*

*Century 6.*—The Hypapanti, afterwards changed to the Purification and the Assumption, commenced. Gregory the Great mentions a number of saints' days—Felicitas, Marcellinus & Peter, Felix, Pancras, Nereus & Achilleus, Andrew, Mamma, and Apollinaris. The Concil. Arvernense I, or council held at Clermont, in Auvergne, in 535, made five canons, among which was an ordinance, that the seniors of France and the ancients in their castles, or in the suite of the court, should be held, at Easter, Pentecost and Christmas, to repair to the chief city, or dwelling-place of the bishop, in order to celebrate those festivals with him. This was a piece of more intolerable oppression than at first appears; by seniors and ancients, we are not to understand merely veteran officers, retired from service, but officers actually exercising a considerable employment.—*Verif. des Dates*, t. I, p. 316.

*Century 7.*—The Nativity of Mary, All Saints, Martin, Valentine, *Cana Domini*, Anastasius, Isidore, Wandregesilus, Ausbert & Wulfran, Richarius, Furseus, Leo, Eutropius, Arnulf, Lupus, Salaberga, Aurea, Magnabodus, Pharao, and Eligius, were added to the number of superstitious observances (*Hospit., Fest. Christ.*, fo. 16). The worship of the cross in September began, and Lent was introduced into Britain.

*Century 8.*—The Presentation, Transfiguration, Passion of our Lord's Image, and the memories of Augustine, Boniface, Benedict, Maurus, Scholastica and Willibad, were introduced; and the practice of holding a festival from evening to evening began. Charlemagne made laws for the observance of festivals, appointing those of Christmas, Stephen, John the evangelist, Childermas, Octaves of the Nativity, Purification, Easter, the greater Litany, Ascension, Pentecost, Peter & Paul, Martin and St. Andrew, to be venerated by all, but left the Assumption for consideration (see *Festivitas*). This monarch commanded Paul the deacon to select the lives and lessons of the saints from the fathers, which he did, and added hymns, so that the saints have since had their own peculiar form of worship. Cuthbert, archbp. of Canterbury in 756, assembled the council called the Concil. Anglicanum, which ordained that the feast of Boniface, archbp. of Mayence, should be celebrated throughout England June 5 (*L'Art de verif. des Dates*, t. II, p. 30). Dresser says he was abp. of Metz. See **BONIFACE**.

*Century 9.*—The council of Mayence, in 813, decreed the following festivals to be observed: Easter Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, As-

cension Day, Pentecost as Easter, Peter & Paul, John the Baptist, Assumption, Michael, Remigius, Martin, Andrew; four days of Christmas—octaves of Nativity, Epiphany, and Purification. On these days, no work was to be performed before mass. At the same time, the days of Felix and Regula, Othmar and Walpurga, were instituted. Durandus says that Gregory IV, about 834, instituted festivals in honor of the apostles and martyrs, the trinity, angels, confessors, and generally of all saints, male and female (*Rat. Div. Off.*, l. VII, c. 34). To these was added the feast of the blood of Christ, by Leo III.

*Century 10.*—All Souls, instituted: Hulric, Udalric, or Ulric, bishop of Augsburger, was canonized by the Lateran Council, which sat Jan. 31, 993, after a recital of his miracles. This is the first act of canonization which is known, and of which a papal bull is extant. The latter is signed by John XVI, 5 bishops, 9 cardinal priests, and 3 deacons. This honor was procured for the dead bishop by Liutulphus, whose object, Mabillon thinks, was to extend by papal authority the worship of the saint ("Le culte de saint Udalric") into other churches than Augsburger, where it already existed. Judaical observances were esteemed by councils, and Saturday afternoon was made sacred from servile labour.—*Concil. Ansan.*, an. 994, can. 9.

*Century 11.*—The number of Romanist gods was increased, by the addition of Laberius, Clement II, Gerhard, and Wolfgang. Gregory VII decreed, that all popes who were martyrs should be worshipped—hence the Feasts of Antherus, Theophorus, Cletus, Hyginus, Marcellus, Lucius, Eusebius, Alexander, Anicetus, Gaius, Urban, Eleutherius, Felix, Silverius, Pius, Stephen, Sixtus, Zepherinus, Linus, Calixtus, Pontianus, Clement and Melchiades, whom the whole church had not worshipped for more than 1,075 years, became general. It is evident, from ancient kalendars, that Gregory's decree confirmed festivals which had been previously observed in some churches. Mention is made in this age, by reputable authors, of James, Matthew, Simon & Jude, Mark the evangelist, Gervase & Prothase, Cosmas & Damian, Amandus, and Protus & Hyacinth.

*Century 12.*—We now hear of the Division, or Separation, of the Apostles, Bartholomew, Barnabas, Conversion of Paul, Luke the evangelist, as authorized festivals. Theodore, Thomas of Canterbury, George, Lambert, Alexius, Jerome, Gallus, the 11,000 Virgins, Mary Magdalen, Bernhard, Otho, Charlemagne, Henry, Helen, David, and Kunigund—some of whom are real, and others fabulous personages—figure as saints. The power of canonization, or admitting persons into Heaven, was claimed for the popes by Alex. III.

*Century 13.*—The Synod of Oxford, under Stephen, archbp. of Canterbury, in 1222, cap. 1, commanded the following days to be observed: all Sundays in the year, all *natalitia* or saints' days, the Circumcision, Epiphany, all the Virgin's feasts but the Conception, Conversion of Paul, Peter's Chair, all the Apostles' Feasts, Gregory, the Parasceve, Holy Thursday, Wednesday in Pentecost, Augustine in May, Margaret, Mary Magdalen, Peter ad Vincula, Laurence, Michael the archangel, All Saints, Martin, Edmund confessor, Edmund king, Catherine, Clement, Nicholas, the church-holiday, and the day of its patron saint. Servile labour was interdicted on the days of Fabian and Sebastian, Agnes, Vincent, Blase, Agatha, Felix, George, John Port Latin, Dunstan, Alban, Etheldreda, Invention of the

Cross, Stephen, Jerome, Faith, Dedication of St. Michael on Mount Tumba, Dennis, All Souls; Cecily, Lucy, and Leonard—that is, three entire weeks were to be taken from useful industry, to be devoted to idolatry. Agricultural labours were permitted by the same synod after mass (but not before), on the following days—octave of Epiphany, Peter & Paul, and the Translations of Benedict and Martin. In 1236, Gregory IX published his Decretals (*Matt. Paris, ad Ann.*), in which he ordains that all bishops, with their clergy and people, shall celebrate in their dioceses the Nativity of our Lord, Stephen, John the evangelist, Childermas, Silvester, Circumcision, Epiphany, Passion Week, Easter Week, Ascension, Pentecost and two following days, Nativity of John the baptist, all the days of the glorious Virgin, the 12 Apostles, and particularly Peter & Paul, Laurence, Dedication of Michael, All Saints, every Sunday, and other solemn days (*Decret., l. II, t. 9, c. 5.*). This pope instituted the feasts of Antony of Padua, Elizabeth of Hesse, Virgil, and Dominic. The Council of Lyons, under Innocent IV, in 1244, decreed that Sundays should be observed from vesper to vesper, and that bishops, with their clergy and people, should celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, Stephen, John the evangelist, Childermas, Silvester, Circumcision, Theophany or Epiphany, Easter with the week before and after, Rogations with three days, Ascension, Pentecost with two days, John the baptist, the twelve Apostles, Laurence; the Feasts of Mary, all Sundays, Dedication of Michael, Dedication of every oratory, All Saints, Martin, and the Feasts of canonized saints: but the people were not to be compelled or forbidden to hold the other feasts of the year, or to make holidays of them (*De Consecr. Dist. 3, c. 1.*). In 1248, the Synod of Worcester (*cap. 4*) commanded the observance of Christmas Day, with the five following days, Circumcision, Epiphany, Deposition of Wolfstan, Conversion of Paul, Peter's Chair, Matthew, Oswald, Annunciation, Easter, with two following days, Mark, Philip & James, Invention of Cross, Ascension, Pentecost with two days, Nativity of John the bapt., Peter & Paul, Thomas, archbp., Mary Magdalen, James, apostle, Ad Vincula S. Petri, Laurence, Assumption, Bartholomew, Nativity of Mary, Exaltation of Cross, Matthew, Michael, Luke, Simon & Jude, All Saints, Martin, Andrew, Nicholas, Thomas, apostle, all Sundays, the feast of the church. The following days were exempted from all work but that of the plough—Vincent, John Port Latin, Barnabas, Leonard, Clement, Translation of Oswald, and Catherine: and from women's work only—Agnes, Margaret, Lucy, and Agatha (*Specm. Concil.*, II, p. 259). About 1252, the octave of Mary's Nativity was ordained by Innocent IV. Clara was deified by Alexander IV, who instituted the “*Visitatio Occisorum.*” In 1264, Urban IV instituted the feast of Corpus Christi; and Clement IV canonized Hedwige. The synod held at Exeter in 1287 (*cap. 23*) enumerates, under each month, festivals which the priests were not to omit celebrating, as many of them did, so that, they observe, men were at work in one parish, and at prayers in the adjoining parish at the same time:—In *Jan.*, Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of Paul: *February.* Purification, Peter's Chair, Matthew: *March.* Gregory, Annunciation: *April.* George, Mark: *May.* Philip & James, Invention of Cross, John Port Latin, Augustine: *June.* Barnabas, Nativity of John the baptist, Peter & Paul: *July.* Translation of Thomas, Mary Magd., James, apostle: *August.* Peter's

Chains, Laurence, Assumption, Bartholomew, Beheading of John : *September*, Nativity of Mary, Exaltation of Cross, Matthew, Michael : *October*, Luke, Simon & Jude : *November*, All Saints, Martin, Katerine, Andrew : *December*, Nicholas, Conception, Thomas, Nativity of our Lord for eight days, Easter for four days, Ascension, Pentecost for four days. In their seasons, the feast of the local saint and the dedication of the church (*Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 372). Boniface VIII canonized Louis of France, and instituted jubilees.

*Century 14.*—John XXII canonized Louis, bp., Thomas Aquinas, and Thomas, bp.; Clement V canonized Cælestine V; Innocent VI instituted the “Festum *Lanceæ et Clavorum Christi*;” and Boniface IX idolized Bridget, about 1389.

*Century 15.*—Nicolaus de Tolentino was raised among the gods by Eugenius IV; Bernardine, by Nicholas V; Vincent, by Calixtus V; Anna, Joseph, and Buonaventura, by Sixtus IV; Leopold of Austria, by Innocent VIII; and Catherine of Sienna, by Pius II.

*Century 16.*—The gods first fabricated in this century were Antoninus, bp. of Florence, and Benno, whom Adrian VI canonized. Leo X exalted to Heaven seven Franciscans at one stroke, and Bruno, a carthusian, at another. In 1545, under Paul III, the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of our Lady was instituted. The Reformation may probably have had a slight effect in checking the propensity to make saints; but, as long as there are fools to believe in the powers claimed by the Roman pontiffs, there will be no deficiency of knaves to supply food for their credulity. In the present century, four or five men, who, if they were not impostors, ought to have been confined in a madhouse—and if impostors, to have been publicly whipped, were duly installed, in 1839, as proper objects for the adoration of mankind. The vast multitudes, and continual accumulation, of saints and festivals gave much offence to the pious and rational at an early age. The Council of Carthage 5 condemned the multitude of martyrs: Potho censured the accumulation of festivals in 1162: Michael, abp. of Auxerre, about 1900, abolished a considerable number of them in a provincial synod: Cardinal Peter de Aliaco, in 1415, and Clemangis, in 1416, reprobated the observance of numerous festivals; and Polydore Vergil considers the observance of too many festivals injurious to public morals, adding that, in this respect, as in too many others, we are rivals of the heathens (*De Invent.*, l. VI, c. 8). “*Deinde dies alii aliis, festi festis ex parvis quandoque causis accumulati sunt, &c.*,” p. 378. In the list of public grievances presented to Charles V by the Germans, in 1522, they bitterly complain of the mischiefs done to industry and morality by the excessive number of festivals (*Robinson, Eccles. Res., prope fin.*) Erasmus censures this excess; and Cardinal Campegio, in 1524, proposed a considerable reduction (see *Hoopinian de Fest. Christ.*, cap. IV.) Feasts are general and particular: the general were celebrated in all churches, and are called solemnities—the particular were observed in one church, province, bishopric, parish or town. The latter often came to be general, so that it is not always easy to determine in what age the day of a martyr or saint really began to be observed. They are also moveable and fixed. Originally, the days of martyrs were called *Natalitia*—then that term was applied to the days of saints,

and, latterly, *Festum* was applied indiscriminately to any day appointed for a particular rite. To feasts belong *octaves*, and *vigils*, *eves*, or *wakes*. See *Diva*, *Divus*; *Festival*; *Festum*; *Martyres*; *Sancta*, *Sanctus*.

**Feast of the Blood of our Saviour.**—This occurs as a date, in a translation of the “*Histoire des Ducs de Bourgogne*, par M. Brantes,” quoted in the *Westm. Review*, v. II, p. 457. Speaking of the revolution of Ghent, in 1379, the translator says—“They arrived on the morrow about a league from Bruges, where the Feast of the Blood of our Saviour *was being* celebrated by magnificent processions,” meaning, perhaps, that they arrived during the celebration of the feast. It appears to be the Feast of Corpus Christi. *Fest*, from the old Fr. *feste*, and Lat. *festum*, was formerly written for *feast*; but the latter occurs in a deed of the age of Henry VI: “Quich vii marks was payet in such feasts as it was deymit to be payd at.”—*Harl. MS. 2042*, fo. 325.

**FEI.**—St. *FIDES*, or *FAITH*, Oct. 6 :

“ Sein Fei þe holi maide,  
    Of swiþe hei men com,  
    Ande gong in here childhod  
        Heo torneþe to cristendom.”

*Cott. MS., Julius D. IX, fo. 143.*

**FELICIANUS.**—See *PRIMUS & FELICIANUS*.

**FELICISSIMUS.**—August 6, with *Sextus* & *Agapitus*.

**FELICITAS.**—Nov. 23 : E. 459. In the Menol. Sax. “Commemoration of the Holy Widow, whose name was Felicitas.” She suffered four months after her seven sons, in 110, under Marcus Aurelius, or Antoninus Pius, and is first mentioned as a saint by Gregory the Great in the 7th century (*Homil. 3*). Her sons are commemorated as the seven brothers, martyrs, July 10: “Luglio 10, SS. sette Fratelli, mm.” (*Corso delle Stelle*, p. 56). At Paris, both mother and sons, July 10. See *Septem Fratres*.

**FELICULA.**—June 13 : E. 454. “v. non. Junii, Natalis sanctæ Feliculæ virginis.”—*Kal. Arr. 826*; *Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 112; *Hospin.*, fo. 113.

**FELIX.**—This happy name rejoiced in upwards of forty-six saints, recorded by Petrus de Natalibus, with whom little more can be done than to exhibit the order of their festivals, reserving a few remarks for separate articles on some of the more celebrated:—I, Jan. 7—2, Jan. 14—3, Jan. 14—4, a bishop, Jan. 16—5, mart., Feb. 11—6, Feb. 11—7, Feb. 26—8, March 30—9, mart., April 16—10, mart., Apr. 23—11, mart., Apr. 30—12, mart., May 9—13, mart., May 14—14, bp. & mart., May 18—15, May 23—16, May 25—17, pope & mart., May 30—18, mart., June 8—19, mart., July 10—20, mart., July 12—21, bp. & mar., July 13—22, mart., July 17—23, virg. mart., July 20—24, pope mart., July 29—25, mart. Aug. 1—26, Aug. 27—27, Aug. 31—28, bp. mart., Sept. 10—29, mart., Sept. 19—30, mart., Sept. 25—31, bp., Oct. 4—32, Oct. 24—33, Oct. 26—34, mart., Nov. 5—35, mart., Nov. 6—36, bp., Nov. 15—37, Nov. 28. Several others are without date.

**FELIX.**—Jan. 14 : V. 422; E. 449. Felix of Nola, in the kal. of Carthage (*Mabillon, Analect.*, p. 167): “xix kal. Febr., Natalis S. Felicis martyr.” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). See *Felix in Pincis*.

**FELIX.**—March 23: G. 402. Bishop of Treves in 400.

**FELIX.**—April 15. Probably Successus Felix, one of 18 martyrs at Cæsarea Augusta, April 16.—*Petr. de Nat.*, l. IV, c. 56.

**FELIX.**—April 26, with Cletus, G. 404: a priest, ix kal. Maii.—*Petr. de Nat.*, l. IV, c. 83.

**FELIX & ADAUCTUS, or AUDACTUS.**—Aug. 30: G. 412; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. Martyrs at Rome, under Dioclesian and Maximian (*Petr. de Nat.*, l. VII, c. 185), about 304, “III kal. Sept. Natalis SS. Felicissimi et Audacti.”—*Kal. Att.*, 826.

**FELIX & VICTOR.**—Oct. 3: G. 415.

**FELIX, HELIANA, & SATURNINUS.**—July 26: G. 410.

**FELIX, SIMPLICIUS, FAUSTINA & BEATRIX.**—July 29: V. 428; T. 441; E. 455.

**FELIX in Pincis.**—Jan. 14: V. 422. Translation of Felix in Pincis, T. 435. There are two explanations of the addition “in Pincis;” one is, that it is taken from the instruments—*pince*—with which he suffered; and the other that it is the place of his martyrdom: “Felix presbyter et martyr pronomine dicitur in pincis, subulis, quibus passus est perhibetur; nam pince dicitur subula” (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. II, c. 73). Perhaps the *pince* were what we call pincers. In the Saxon Menol., it is taken to be a place in Rome: *Sce Felicij rīd mærre pnoft* on Rome on þærne frōpe ðe Pincij is nemēd. Pincius Mons, or Monte Pincio, is one of the hills of Rome: “Collis Pincius” and “Porta Pinciana” (*Du Cange*, t. V, col. 489). As it seems to be a mere conjecture, he may have suffered at Pincia, now called Valladolid: at all events, the Roman Catholic church herself has made no small number of martyrs there in modern times. Ludovicus a Paramo, in his account of an *Auta da Fe* in 1559, when a vast multitude of both sexes were murdered by the priests, says—“Doctor Cazalla cum multis aliis, tam viris quam fœminis, Pincia concrematur.”—*De Orig. Inquisit.*, p. 300.

**Femisona.**—The winter season for killing deer, as *Tempus Pinguidinis* is that of the summer season. A fine, quoted by Jacob, defines “femisonam” to be the period between Martinmas and Candlemas.

**Femme Adultère.**—Among the French, Saturday of the third week in Lent.

**Fence Month.**—“A month wherein female deer in forests do fawn, and, therefore, it is unlawful to hunt in forests during that time—which begins fifteen days before Midsummer, and ends fifteen days after it, being in all thirty days (*Manwood*, part II, cap. 13; *Stat. 30 Car.* II, cap. 3). Some ancient foresters call this month *Defence Month*, because then the deer are to be defended from being disturbed, and the interruptions of fear and danger. There are certain Defence Months for fish, particularly salmon, as appears by *Stat. Westm.* 2, cap. 47, &c. Serjeant Fleetwood hath said, that the Fence Month hath been always kept with watch and ward, since the time of Canutus. *Fleetwood's Forest Laws*, p. 5” (Jacob, *Law Dict.*) See *Mensis Prohibitionis*, or *Mensis Vetitus*.

**Fenela, St. Pierre des.**—June 29. A name given to the festival of the apostles Peter and Paul, from the hay-making season.

**Feria.**—A day; in the plural, *Ferie*. In 316, Pope Sylvester prohibited the Christians from naming the days of the week after the Jewish manner—*VOL. II.*

*prima, secunda, &c., Sabbati*; and, as he equally disliked the heathen names from the gods or planets, *Dies Solis, Lunæ, &c.*, Sun-day, Mon, or Moon-day, he ordained that, thenceforth, they should call Monday *Feria Secunda*; Tuesday, *Feria Tertia*; Wednesday, *Feria Quarta*; Thursday, *Feria Quinta*; Friday, *Feria Sexta* (*Durand. de Off. Div.*, l. VII, c. 1; *Pol. Verg.*, l. VI, c. 5, p. 366-7). Sunday and Saturday had their own names, the first being *Dies Dominica*, or *Dominicus*, and the latter, *Sabbatum*. Feriæ, among the ancients, were days on which it was unlawful to work, and were so called from the immolation of sacrifices, “*a feriendis hostiis*” (*Montan., Disput. Jurid. de Feriis, thes. 1*), or from the banquets which were given at that time “*a feriendis epulis*” (*Pol. Verg., ut suprâ*). Hence are derived *Fairs, Ferial Days, Foires, &c.*

**Feria ad Angelum.**—Wednesday in the ember week of Advent; so called, because the Gospel “*Missus est*” was read on that day.

**Feria Calida.**—Eve of St. John the Baptist, the day before the summer solstice.

**Feria Communis.**—See *Communes*.

**Feriæ Dies Feriales.**—Holidays. See *Ferial Days*.

**Feriæ Antecinerales.**—See *Antecinerales*.

**Feriæ Missivæ.**—Autumnal vacations, from July 18 to Sept. 18.

**Ferial Days.**—Holidays; but, in the *Stat. 27 Hen. VI, cap. 5*, Ferial Days are taken for working days, or all the days of the week except Sunday. The week-days, as distinguished from Sunday, were called *dies feriales*, in a charter dated 28th March, 1448.—*Ex Cartular. Eccles. Elyens. MS.; Jacob.*

**Feria Magni Scrutinii.**—Wednesday of the fourth week in Lent, when the examination of catechumens began, previous to admission to baptism eighteen days afterwards.

**Feria Prima.**—Sunday.

**Feria Prima, Secunda, &c., post Cinerum.**—Thursday, Friday, after Ash Wednesday.—*Bed. Oper., t. VII, p. 305.*

**Feria Quarta Magna, or Major.**—Wednesday before Easter. See *Hebdomada Magna*.

**Feria Quinta Magna, or Major.**—Holy Thursday. “*Feria Quinta in communibus*” is the date of a diploma, Oct. 5, 1306. See *Communes*.

**Feria Secunda Magna, or Major.**—Monday of Passion Week.

**Feria Secunda post Palmarum.**—Tuesday after Palm Sunday.—*Bed. Oper., t. VII, p. 368.*

**Feria Septima Magna, or Major.**—Holy Saturday.

**Feria Sexta Magna, or Major.**—Friday of Passion Week.

**Feria Tertia Magna, or Major.**—Tuesday of Passion Week.

**Feria Tertia post Invocavit.**—*Bed. Oper., t. VII, p. 327.*—See *Invocavit*.

**Feria Tertia post Missas Domini.**—See *Missæ Domini*.

**Feria Tertia post Reminiscere.**—*Bed. Oper., t. VII, p. 334.* See *Reminiscere*.

**Feriatae, Feriati.**—Days of Easter Week, all others being *Feriæ*.

**Feriatici Dies.**—Days of the week, except Sunday. See *Ferial Days*.

**Feriati Dies, Feriatus Dies.**—See *Ferial Days*.

**Ferie Chaude.**—The French name of *Feria Calida*.

Ferre Days.—Late in the day; afternoon. So Robin Hood, in the old ballad, says—

“ It is ferre dayes, God send us a gest,  
That we were at our dynere.”

*Ritson, Rob. Hood, v. I, p. 7.*

Ferrure.—See *PIERRE en la Ferrure*.

Feryes.—Holidays (*Feriae*), in John Bale's comedy of the Three Laws, *Sign. C. iij:*

“ It was a good world, when we had sech wholsome storyes  
Preached in our churche on Sondayes and other feryes.”

Fest, Feste.—A feast, or festival; old English and French words, from *Festum*. The English plural is *festen* and *festes*. “ Fest of seynt Martyn in wynter :” Nov. 11 (*Rot. Parl., t. VI.*)—

“ Vpon a day of þe trinite,  
A feste of greet solempnite  
In Carlyon was holdé.”

*Launfal Miles, MS. Calig., A. II, fo. 34 b.*

Christmas, the Epiphany, Candlemas, the Annunciation, Easter, Ascension Day, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, the Assumption and Nativity of the Virgin, are accounted the ten principal Feasts in the year, in the *Trentale Sancti Gregorii* :—

“ My blessed sone, sayde she,  
Full well y hope þt hit may be  
Syken and saf mygth y be well,  
Who so trewly wolde take a trentall  
Of ten chef festes of þe gere,  
To syng for me yn þt manere :  
The masses of Crystys natuyte,  
And of þe .xij. day oþr þre ;  
Thre of our ladyes purfyacacion,  
And oþr þre of her annunciacion ;  
Thre of Crystes glorious resurreccion,  
And oþr þre of h<sup>t</sup> hyg ascension,  
And of pentecoste oþr þre,  
And þre of þe blessed trinite,  
And of oþr ladyes assumpcion oþr þre,  
And of her joyfull natiuite þre  
These ben þe chefe festes ten,  
That soko' þe sowles þt ben fro heuen :  
Who so sayth þese masses w/out fayle,  
For synfull sowles þey shall avayle ;  
All a gere w/outen trayne  
They delyuere a sowle out of payne.  
Let say þese masses be go<sup>r</sup> hestes  
W'inne þe vtas of þe festes.”

*Cott. MS., Calig. A. II, fo. 85<sup>b</sup>, 86.*

**Festa Annalia, or Annalia.**—Yearly festivals; Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints, in a charter of Hugh, duke of Burgundy: “In festis annalibus, videlicet, Nativitatis Domini, Resurrectionis Domini, Pentecostes, et Omnium Sanctorum.” Seven *Festa principalia* are enumerated in the customs of Evesham Abbey (*Cartul.*, fo. 152, *Harl. MS.*, 3763). Festa Annalia are not to be confounded with *annalia*, though the latter are a kind of festival particular (see *Annale*; *Festum*). “Pro annalibus seu anniversariis celebrandis.”—*Concil. Lambeth.*, 1281; *Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 330.

**Festa Ferienda.**—Festivals which are strictly enjoined to be observed as holy days: “Hæ sunt festa ferienda ex toto, in episcopatu Wigorniæ, scilicet: Dies Natalis Domini cum quatuor diebus, Circumcis. Domini, &c.” (*Synod. Wig.*, 1248). “Hæ sunt ferienda in omnibus, præterquam in carucis: S. Vincentii martyris, &c.” “Hæ sunt ferienda ab operibus mulierum tantum, virg. S. Agnetis V. M., &c.”—*Ib.*; *Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 259.

**Festa Generalia.**—Festivals celebrated by all churches, in contradistinction to festivals observed by a single church or diocese.

**Festa S. MICHAELIS Archangeli.**—The festivals of St. Michael commemorate four visits or apparitions of the Archangel, and their obvious purpose is to give countenance to the worship of angels. The festival is called the dedication of his church (“Dedicatio Basilicæ S. Mich.”), on the day on which he revealed the place or temple dedicated to him—and his Commemoration, because it is instituted in honor of him and all angels (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 130). The first apparition was made on Mount Gargan, where a rich man of Siponto, named Garganeus, looking for a stray ox, found it at the entrance of a cavern; and on shooting at it, the arrow rebounded and wounded him. Being terrified at the miracle, he consulted his bishop, who ordered a fast of three days to be kept by the citizens. On this occasion, St. Michael appeared to the bishop, and, announcing his name and quality, declared that, henceforth, he should take the city under his own protection. This apparition all agree occurred on the 8th of May—but as to the year there are several opinions: in other enquiries, we are less embarrassed to ascertain the years, than the days of remarkable events. The metrical treatise on Church Festivals dates it in 320—

“ Hit bifel þre hondrefþ ger. ⁊ euen tuenti rixt.  
Aft' þ' oure lorde was in his mob' alyȝt.”

*Cott. MSS., Jul. D. IX, fo. 133.*

The first apparition, says Petrus de Natalibus, was on Mount Gargan in Apulia, about forty miles from Siponto, in the year 390 (*Cat. Sanct.*, l. IV, c. 140); and this is the date which Eccius assigns to the institution of the festival (*Homil.*, t. III, ap. *Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 138). This seems to be what is properly called *Apparitio S. Michaelis*.

The second apparition was on the eve of a battle, between the pagan Neapolitans and the Christian Sipontines and Beneventines. The bishop of Siponto ordained another triduan fast, in order to propitiate the favour of the guardian Archangel, who appeared to him before the entrance of the cavern, and promised a victory. The Christians attacked the enemy, and terrible convulsions shook the mountain, whose summit was involved in black

clouds, from which fierce lightning shot in all directions. The pagans took to flight in great consternation, and many of them became Christians.

The third appearance was at Rome, in the time of Gregory the Great. After he had instituted the greater Litany, to avert a dreadful pestilence, he beheld an angel upon Adrian's mole, with a bloody sword in his hand, which he returned to its sheath. From this Gregory inferred that God had heard his prayers; and in gratitude he founded a church, ordered the mole to be called the Castle of the Holy Angel (S. Angelo), and instituted the festival of St. Michael, May 8, in commemoration of the two last appearances, which occurred on this day (*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 84<sup>b</sup>, fo. 95; *Baron. Not. ad Martyr.*, p. 605). To the first of these two appearances must be referred the date 480, in *Dresser. de Festibus Diebus*, or 487, as in *Honor. Augustad.*, l. III, c. 167. A fourth appearance has the following dates, some of which are attempted to be appropriated above: the Lombardic History says under Pelagius, in 390, but that pope sate from 555; Dresser says under Felix, about 483, and Horolanus (in *Calendar. Ecclesiast.*), under Anastasius, in 498. The people who have invented these pitiful lies say, that on the third day before the kalends of October (Sept. 29), the temple dedicated to St. Michael was miraculously revealed by him; for after his appearance, when he promised victory to the Sipontines, it was a matter of doubt whether the cavern might be entered, or the place dedicated. The bishop consulted the pope, who recommended him to wait until St. Michael should declare his pleasure. In the course of the triduan fast, Michael appeared to the bishop, and said that there was no need for him to build and dedicate a church, for that he himself would found and consecrate a temple. The Archangel commanded that divine service should be performed in it on the following day. Accordingly the bishop, accompanied by the people, entered the cavern in the morning, and found, carved out of the rock, a large and magnificent church with three altars, and a fountain of the sweetest water distilling from the rock into a glass basin, suspended by a silver chain. The pope, hearing these glorious things, consecrated the *ix kal. Oct.* (Sept. 29) in honor of St. Michael and all holy Angels (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 190). This is the festival generally called *Festum Dedicacionis S. Michaelis in Monte Gargano*; but the ancient name was, *Festum Dedicacionis Basilicas S. M., et omnium Sanctorum Angelorum*. Sometimes, instead of "Monte Gargano," we find "Monte Tumbe," of which the following account is given in the Metrical festivals:—

" Sein Myhel in nouembre. hap ek a nob<sup>r</sup> dai.  
 Bifore þe feste of sein Luc. as gou ich telle mai.  
 ȝ þorou his feste was ifolide. ichol telle þ<sup>c</sup> cas.  
 Hit befel sene hondrep<sup>r</sup> ger. ȝ nyentene gere.  
 After our suete lord in his mob<sup>r</sup> aligt.  
 þ<sup>c</sup> to þe bischop Haubere sein Mihel com anygt.  
 By side þe montayne of Toumbe. as hit were in a sigt  
 Of pilke hus of Tounbe. a cherche he let arere  
 Such as pilke of Gargan. ȝ þ<sup>c</sup> hit by time were."

*Fo. 146 b.*

The kalendar of Arras, at May 8, has—"Inventio S. Michaelis archangeli

in Monte Gargano ; and, at Sept. 29, the " *Dedicatio Basilicæ S. M.*" The *CORSO delle Stelle*, p. 46, May 8, has—" *L'apparizione di S. Michele Arcangelo nel 491 sul Monte Gargano, in oggi detto Monte s. Angelo;*" and dates the dedication in 493 : " *La miracolosa dedicazione nel 493 della chiesa di s. Michel Arcangelo nel Monte Gargano nel regno di Napoli.*" The The Saxon Menology (*Jul.*, A. X), at May 8, makes the invention or apparition of the angel, that of his church : [Se ƿæg] þær rce Michaelis cniue ænjet funðen ƿær. on ðæm munte Gargana. þær re mon ƿær offreoten mid hit aȝene ƿrƿale. mid by þe he polde ȝone feanƿ jecutan. re ƿroð on þær ƿrƿæfer ƿuna—[the day that St Michael's church was first discovered on Mount Gargan, where the man was shot with his own arrow, with which he intended to shoot the wild boar that stood at the door of the cave.] At Sept. 29 in this Menology, we have the dedication of the church. The church of St. Michael, from the elevation of its site, is sometimes called " *Ecclesia in nubibus*"

In all ages, lofty eminences—the " high places" of Scripture—have been the constant scene of idolatry, in consequence of the prevalent opinion, that the gods loved to reside on the tops of mountains or groves : " Upon every high hill, and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot" (*Jerem.*, ii, 20). " They have built also the high place of Beel" (*Jerem.*, xix, 5). So the temples of Apollo—

" *At pius Æneas arces, quibus altus Apollo  
Præsedit.*" *Virg. En.*, VI, 9.

Dr. Middleton having quoted Cicero's invocation to Jupiter on Mount Latium—" *Tuque ex tuo adito Monte Latiali, sancte Jupiter*" (*Orat. pro Milone*), remarks—" which pagan notion still prevails so generally with the Papists, that there is hardly a rock or precipice, how dreadful or difficult soever of access, that has not an oratory, or altar, or crucifix, at least, planted on the top of it. Among the rugged mountains of the Alps in Savoy, very near to the little town of Modana, stands, on the top of a rock, a chapel, with a miraculous image of our Lady, which is visited with great devotion by the people, and sometimes, we were told, by the king himself—being famous for a miracle of a singular kind, of restoring of dead-born children to life, but so far only as to make them capable of baptism ; and our landlord assured us that there was daily proof of this miracle, in children brought from all quarters to be presented before this shrine, who never failed to shew manifest tokens of life by stretching out their arms, or even sometimes by making water, whilst they were held by the priest before the image. On the top of Mount Senis, the highest mountain of the Alps, in the same passage of Savoy, covered with perpetual snow, they have another little chapel, in which they perform divine service every year in August—and sometimes to the destruction of the whole congregation by the accident of a sudden tempest, in a place so elevated and exposed : ' Ye shall utterly destroy the places, wherein the nations served their gods upon the high mountains and upon the hills, and under every green tree. And ye shall overthrow their altars, break their pillars, burn their groves, and hew down the graven images of their gods.'—*Deuteron.*, xii, 2, 3.

Festa Paschalia.—Ecclesiastical writers, both Greek and Latin, call the three

feasts of the Nativity, Resurrection or Easter, and Pentecost, the Paschal Festivals, probably in imitation of the Jews, who gave the name of Pascha to the three principal feasts—the *scenopegia*, *azyma*, and *pentecost*.

**Festa Principalia.**—The chief festivals in a year observed by any church. The Trentale of St. Gregory enumerates ten, which may, perhaps, be considered as coming under this description with regard to *Christendom*, the universal church (see *Fest*). In some monasteries, the principal festivals were marked by a change in the ordinary customs; thus, St. Athelwold allowed a gallon of wine, on the principal festivals, to every six brothers of his foundation at Abingdon, instead of the same quantity of hydromel, which the monks received on common festival days: “In festivis diebus constituit illis, sive in albis sive in cappis, idromelum, videlicet, ad prandium inter sex fratres sextarium, &c. in praecipuis vero diebus quas apud nos principales observemus, scilicet Natali Domini, in Pascha, in Pentecoste, in Assumptione s. Mariæ, et in Nativitate ejus, in Natali Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, in Festivitate Omnia Sanctorum, vinum illis constituit ad mensuram qua prius, &c.” (*Dugd. Monast.*, t. I, p. 517). The monks of Evesham also reckoned seven of these days, which they excepted from the usual charity of the cellarar, but claimed it on the octaves of those principal festivals that were not celebrated in caps or copes: “Debent et monachi de cellario singulis diebus Sabbati caritatem ad collaco’em pro mandato et ad omnes collaco’es festivitatum tam in cappis q’m in albis in vigilia et in die exceptis collacionib. septem festivitatum—Debent etiam habere caritatem de cellario ad prandum singulis diebus octabarum principalium festivitatum que octabas habent exceptis diebus quibus sunt in capis” (*Cartul de Evesh.*, *Harl. MS.*, 3763, fo. 152). Probably this, or a similar custom, may have given rise to the *Poculum Charitatis*, of which a different explanation has been adopted in vol. I, p. 101.

**Feste.**—See *Fest*.

**Feste aux Cornets, or Le Quarel St. GENTIEN.**—The Horn-feast, May 7: the eve of the translation of St. Gentien to the abbey of Corbie. On this day, after vespers, a number of the inhabitants of Corbie, who hold of the abbey certain portions of land called *quarelli* (whence the word *quarel*), repair, each with a cow’s-horn in his hand, to the abbey, where the horn is filled with wine, and they return home in the same order.

**Feste des Merveilles.**—The Feast of Miracles, Monday next before the feast of St. John the baptist, June 24, in a charter of Philip, duke of Savoy, in 1312. This festival was abolished about 1401.

**Feste de Nowel.**—Christmas; in the body of an indenture of the year 1360 (*Rymer*, t. III, p. i, p. 510). See *Nowel*.

**Feste des Palmes.**—The feast of Palms, or Palm Sunday, in the will of Sir John Cavendysche, chief justice 39 Edw. III. It is dated from Bury St. Edmunds, on “le Vendredi procheyn devant la feste des palmes, l’an du regne le Roy Richard Seconde, après la conqueste quart” (*Archæol.*, t. XI, p. 55, 56); that is, Friday next before Palm Sunday, 4 Rich. II, or March 16, 1380.

**Feste des tus Seinz.**—Feast of All Saints, Nov. 1, L. 471. A letter of Edw. III, in 1357, is dated “Don’ en nostre palays de Westm’ la feste de Touz Saintz.”—*Rymer*, t. III, p. i, p. 382.

**Festen Mebles, Festes Mouables.**—The moveable feasts, of which only five are named in the ancient metrical festivals, which proves that they were written before the institution of the *Festum Corporis Christi*, by Urban IV :

“ Festen meble. þ<sup>r</sup> beþ iclepit vif in þe g̃ere.  
 þe ferste is to sonke alleluy. our penance to rere.  
 γ supþe Lente. γ supþe Ester. þ<sup>t</sup> gladeþ moni on.  
 þe Rousouns. White Sondai. þ<sup>t</sup> last is of ech on.  
 þis beþ þe fif festes meble þ<sup>t</sup> incomeþ ech ger.  
 γ neuer a ger ne bileueþ in stede þt hi duden er.”

*Cott. MS., Julius D. IX, fo. 49.*

The Harleian copy, *Cod. 2277*, has for rubric *Festes Mouables*.  
**Festival, Festivitas.**—The same as *Feast* and *Festum*; but *festivitas* appears to have been originally applied to the days which the Roman emperors set apart for the celebration of a victory, or other great event. In the first law enacted for the regular observance of festival days, made by Charlemagne, it is synonymous with *Natalis*, which is also the same as *Festum*, except that it denotes the birth-day: “ Hæ sunt festivitates in anno, quæ per omnia venerari debent : Natalis Domini, S. Stephani, S. Joannis Evangelistæ, Innocentum, Octavæ Domini, Epiphaniæ, Octavæ Epiphaniæ, Purificat. S. Mariæ, Paschæ dies octo, Litanie Major, Ascensus Domini, Pentecostes, S. Joannis Baptiste, S. Petri et Pauli, S. Martini, S. Andreæ. De Assumptione S. Mariæ interrogandum relinquimus” (*Capit.*, l. I, c. 158). In a charter of Henry I to the city of Rochester, “ ipsa die festivitatis sancti Paulini, et priori die ante ipsam festivitatem” (*Text. Roffens.*, by Hearne, p. 172). “ Alio die post festivitatem sancti Petri qui dicitur ad vincula” (*Sparkes*, p. 75). “ Hæ sunt festivitates, in quibus dominus pontifex debet coronari :—In festivitate sanctorum coronatorum, in festivitate Sancti Martini ubi qui dicitur *Æquitii*, in festivitate S. Clementis, in dominica de Adventu, dominica de Jerusalem, dominica de Gaudete, in festivitate Domini, in festivitate S. Stephani, in Epiphania, in dominica Lætare Jerusalem, in Pascha, in feria secunda ad Sanctum Petrum, in dominica Ego sum pastor bonus, in Ascensione, in Pentecoste, in festivitate S. Petri, in Anniversario suo, in festivitate sancti Silvestri.”—*Addit. Lib. Pollicit. Ordo. Rom. XI*, p. 153.

**Festivitas b. ANNÆ, Matris S. MARIE.**—July 26. In a mandate from William, archbp. of Canterbury, to the bp. of London, in 1383, he says that Urban VI, in the fourth year of his pontificate, directed the festivity of St. Anne, mother of St. Mary, to be celebrated in England (*Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 636-7). It had been celebrated here in the time of the Saxons (see *ANNA, mother of Mary*), and in John Mirk’s days: “ Gode men ge schul suche a day hauē þe fest of seynt Anne, þ<sup>t</sup> was modur of oure Lady” (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 98 b.*) Baronius observes that it has long been celebrated (July 26) in both the Eastern and Western churches (*Not. ad Mart. Annal.*, t. I, n. 41). Gregory XIII, by apostolical letters, dated May 1, 1584, confirmed it to be held for ever on this day.—*Casal. de Vet. Sacr. Christ. Ritibus*, p. 425.

**Festivitas Corporis JESU CHRISTI.**—By this name, according to Petrus de Natalibus, who speaks of it as recent, Urban IV, in 1262, the first year of

his pontificate, instituted the moveable feast of the body of Christ, to be annually celebrated on the Thursday after the octaves of Pentecost (see *Corpus Christi Day*). All accounts agree that the pope was moved to it by a miracle, in testimony of the real presence in the sacrament. The Venetian bishop's account of this miracle is, that a priest, doubting the reality of the sacrament, broke the bread, when immediately living blood gushed forth, and stained the corporal so, that it could not be removed by any lotion: "Festivitas corporis Jesu Christi ab Urbano papa quarto nuper instituta est, videlicet anno d'ni M. cclxii anno pontificatus ejus primo. Cujus institutio tam motu fuit miraculum quod tunc temporis apud Vulsinum castrum apparuit. Cum enim quidam presbyter de veritate sacramenti aliquid hesitaret, et sacram hostiam confregisset subito sanguis vivus ex hostia manare cepit, et corporale aede cruento tinxit, &c." (*Petr. de Nat.*, l. V, c. 45). If there were any value in modern miracles, it would be but fair to mention that Archbishop Ælfric, in the Saxon sermon in which he triumphantly upsets the whole doctrine of the real presence, quotes two miracles from the Lives of the Fathers, as proofs that the sacrament is the body and blood of Christ, not corporeally, but spiritually: Soðlice hit is rpa rpa pe æn epædon Cnijter lichama þis bloð na lichamlice ac gaſtlice (*Cott. MS., Faustin. A. IX*, fo. 134). Very little dexterity in juggling is required to perform all the three miracles. The bull by which the festival was instituted was issued in 1264, and gives it another name. In consequence of the bull, the festival was this year first celebrated, June 19 (*L'Art de verif. les Dates*, t. II, p. 367). See *Festum Corporis et Sanguinis Christi*.

*Festivitas Dominicæ Matris*.—The Annunciation, in the Council of Toledo, an. 636, when it was ordained to be celebrated the eighth day before the Nativity of Christ (*Pavin.*, Con. 1). The number and date of the council which made this ordinance, are differently stated in the authors who have mentioned the festival. The Council of Toledo IX began in Dec., and ended in Jan., 658; that of Toledo X sat Nov. 2, 655; and that of Toledo XI, Dec. 1, 656. The latter made seven canons, by one of which they altered the time of the festival, according to the usage of many foreign churches: "Nam in multis ecclesiis a nobis et spatio remotis et terris hic mos agnoscitur retineri" (*Verif. des Dates*, t. II, p. 16). Caranza, in his *Epitome Concilium*, remarks, that it was celebrated only in Spain; but the testimony of the council decides against him, and against his corrector, Hospinian, who observes, that it was celebrated in other countries, though not on Dec. 18, but March 25 (see *Annuntiatio Dominicæ*). Platina, Bale, and others, in their Lives of Sergius, attribute the institution to that pope in 688—perhaps he fixed it to the 25th of March. In the kalendar of Arras, it is called "Conceptio Christi & Passio Domini" [the conception of Christ and passion of our Lord], making apparently two festivals. Casalius errr in stating that the Annunciation has existed in Spain, from the time of the Council of Toledo, as Our Lady's Expectation (*De Vet. Sacr. Christ., in notis*, p. 422; see *Expectatio b. Mariae*). When the Annunciation falls in Passion Week, it is celebrated, by ancient custom, on the day before Palm Sunday. In the worship on this festival, the Virgin is saluted, at the ringing of a bell, with the Hail Mary, when the angels are supposed to be also singing the hymn. This piece of idolatry was introduced by John XXII, in 1325 (*Polyd. Verg.*, Vol. II.

*I. VI, c. 12, p. 398).* In this hymn, the Virgin is styled *Star of the Sea, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, &c.*

“Ave maris stella  
Dei mater alma,” &c.

Bede also calls her *Star of the Sea, Light of the World*: “*Stella Maris, Lux Mundi,*” &c. (*Op., t. VII, p. 184-6*). J. Lydgate, the poet, calls her the “*Benign Lantern;*” and before his time Mirk, in his second sermon on the *Assumption*, says that “*Cryste, goddys sone of heven, þt was borne of oure lady & fostred of her breastes. þis day he tok hur vp in body & soule into heuen & sette hyr be hym in hys trone and coronet hur quene of heven and emperas of helle and lady of alle þe worlde. Wherfore þys day alle þe angelles of heven comon beforum hur doing to hur alle þe service þt þei cowthen os þei owen to don to here quene and here lordys modur,*” with much more of the same stuff (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 98 b.*) Nothing seems more certain, than that the Romanists continue the worship of their prototypes, the Isiaci, or Roman priests of the Egyptian goddess, Isis of a thousand names, as she is termed by Plutarch (*De Isid. et Osirid.*, c. 58), and in an ancient inscription to her and Serapis, copied by Mabillon (*Iter. Germanic.*, p. 16):—

I S I  
M Y R I O N Y M I A E  
E T . S E R A P I  
E X S P E C T — — —  
M E T I S   A V G .   D .  
V .   S L .

Isis was the mother of god, the star of the world, the light of the world ; as Hecate, Proserpine, &c., she was queen and empress of hell ; as Juno, Diana, &c., she was queen of heaven, the light of the world ; as Venus, &c., she was star of the sea, &c. It would be easy to produce quotations from pagan authors, to illustrate each instance of parallel idolatry, and to establish the fact, that the worship of Isis has more followers in modern, than in ancient times. The Jews formerly sinned in the very same respect : “ But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the Queen of Heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem.” “ But since we have left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by famine.” “ And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men ?”— *Jerem.*, c. xliv, v. 17, 18, 19.

Festivitas Inventionis S. ALBANI.—This festival occurs twice among the Saxon Latin charters of St. Albans.—*Dugd. Monast. Angl., t. II, p. 17, per Ellis.*

Festivitas B. MARIE Conceptionis.—The conception of our Lady, in the con-

stitutions of S. Mepham, archbishop of Canterbury, passed in a provincial council held in 1328 at St. Paul's, in which it is stated that the festival was instituted by his predecessor, Anselm (*Splm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 494). Petrus de Natalibus observes that it is not celebrated by a general institution of the church, but out of the special devotion of some persons in many churches. The author was Anselm, who died in 1109, and who invented this festival in obedience to a command delivered to him from the Virgin Mary, by St. Nicholas, during a storm at sea. The dead saint promised that the Virgin would save him from drowning, if he would make a vow to institute this festival. The living saint inquiring about the day and office necessary, was answered the 6th id. Decemb. (Dec. 8), on which day our Lady conceived; and as to the office, he might take that for the Nativity, only changing the name (*Cat. Sanct.*, l. I, c. 42). Azoreus observes that it began to be observed in the time of St. Bernhard, but not in the whole church before Sixtus IV (*Casal.*, p. 422). As it occurs in the Saxon kalendars V. & T. (though not in G), we may refer it to the 9th or 10th century, which will coincide with the opinion of Asseman, who observes also, that it was still more ancient in the Eastern church.—*Cal. Univers.*, t. V, p. 433.

Festivitas Modwennæ.—July 5. “Installatus secunda festivitatis sanctæ Modwennæ.”—*Annal. Monast. Burt.*, p. 285.

Festivitas Omnim Sanctorum.—Nov. 1: E. 459 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. X, c. 1). Some account of the festival of All Saints has already been given, under its old English name of *All Hallowenmas*. According to Bede, Boniface IV (about 607) begged the Pantheon from the emperor Phocas, and, having cleared it from the images of a multitude of devils, replaced them with a multitude of saints, and so made the temple of all the gods a church of the holy mother of God, and of all the martyrs, in order that the whole people should assemble there on the 1st Nov., as on the Nativity of our Lord, in honor of all saints: “Legimus in ecclesiasticis historiis, quod sanctus Bonifacius, qui quintus a Beato Gregorio Romanæ urbis episcopatum tenebat, suis precibus a Phoca Cæsare impetrarat donari ecclesiam Christi templum Romæ, quod ab antiquis Pantheon ante vocabatur: quia hoc quasi simulachrum omnium videretur esse deorum, in quo eluminata omni spuria fecit ecclesiam sanctar. Dei Geneticis atque omnium Martyrum Christi, ut exclusa multitudine dæmonum, multitudo ibi sanctorum a fidelibus in memoria haberetur, et plebs universa in capite Calendarum Novembri, sicuti in die Natalis Domini, ad ecclesiam in honorem omnium Sanctorum consecratam convenire” (*Serm. Festival.*, Oper., t. VII, p. 211). The substance of this father's account was received by his countrymen: Ȣalna haligna t'ð ænýrt ȝerette Bonefaciūr ȝe papa on Rome mið þy þe he on þone ȝeage gehalgode to cijican S'ca Marjan ȝ eallum Cnijter marþynum ðæt ȝeofolgylða huf þy nemnað Pantheon. in ȝam Romane ȝulþon þa hy hædene ƿænon eallum heora ȝeofolgylðum. ȝ ȝisðan hy Cnijterne ƿænon hy ȝær ȝorðeðon eallna haligna gemýnð. ȝ ȝe papa ȝa bebead. þær ȝaghþylce geane ȝe ȝæg [Nov. 1] in goðer cijicum in Cnijternum poleum ƿæne on ryglene ȝappýnðnyrr. ryglece ȝe ænýrt ȝæg in natale ȝ'ni. ðæt ið ȝe ænýrt ȝæg—[Boniface, the pope at Rome, first appointed the feast of All Saints, for which purpose he hallowed for a church to St. Mary and all Christ's martyrs, the house of idols which

is named the Pantheon, and in which the Romans, when they were heathens, sacrificed to their idols, and after they were Christians, they there celebrated the memory of all saints ; and the pope then commanded that, every year, this day in God's church, among Christian people, should be in reverence as the first day in the Natale Domini, which is the first day [of Christmas] *Cott. MS., Julius A. X, fo. 100.* This account, however, is not strictly correct. Boniface decreed that the Pantheon should be sacred to St. Mary and all martyrs : May 12, "ad iv iduum Maii sacravit" *Pol. Verg., l. VI, c. 8, p. 378*; others say May 13, "iii id. Maii" (*Martyrol. Roman., p. 137; Antw.*, 1586). The reason alleged for selecting this day is, that May 1 was already occupied by the festival of All Apostles (*Durand. de Rat. Div. Off.*, *l. VII, c. 34*; *Pol. Verg., l. cit.*; *Hospi. de Fest. Christ.*, *fo. 142*). The bishop Petrus de Natalibus, having, perhaps, some notion of the identity of the Romanist Virgin Mary with the Roman Deum Mater, says that the Pantheon was erected in honor of Cybele, mother of all the gods (*l. X, c. 1*): Pliny, however, says that it was erected to Jupiter Victor (*Hist.*, *l. XXXVI, c. 15*). "The noblest heathen temple (says Dr. Middleton) now remaining in the world, is the Pantheon, or Rotunda, which, as the inscription over the portico informs us, having been impiously dedicated of old, by Agrippa, to Jove and all the gods, was piously reconsecrated, by Pope Boniface IV, to the blessed Virgin and all the saints :

" PANTHEON, &c.

AB AGRIPPA AUGUSTI GENERO  
IMPIE JOVI, CÆTERISQUE MENDACIBUS DIIS,  
A BONIFACIO IV PONTIFICE  
DEIPARÆ ET SS. CHRISTI MARTYRIBUS PIE  
DICATUM, &c.

" With this single alteration, it serves as exactly for all the purposes of popish, as it did for the pagan worship for which it was built. For as, in the old temple, every one might find the god of his country, and address himself to that deity whose religion he was most devoted to, so it is the same thing now—every one chooses the patron whom he likes best ; and one may see here different services going on, at the same time, at different altars, with distinct congregations around them, just as the inclination of the people leads them to the worship of this or that particular saint. And what better title can the new demi-gods shew to the adoration now paid to them, than the old ones, whose shrines they have usurped ? or how comes it to be less criminal to worship images set up by the pope, than those which Agrippa, or that which Nebuchadnezar set up ? If there be any real difference, most people will prefer the old possessors. For those heroes of antiquity were raised up into gods, and received divine honors, for some signal benefits, of which they had been the authors, to mankind, as the invention of arts and sciences, or of something useful or necessary to life (*Cic. Nat. Deor.*, *l. II, 223; Off.*, *III, 299*) ; whereas, of the Romish saints, it is certain that many of them were never heard of, but in their own legends or fabulous histories—and many more, instead of services done to mankind,

owe all the honors now paid them to their vices or their errors, whose merit, like that of Demetrius (*Acts*, xix, 23), was their skill of raising rebellions in defence of an idol, and throwing kingdome into convulsions for the sake of some gainful imposture." The ancient idols were of more use than the modern, if we may trust the statement in Mirk's homily on this festival; describing the Pantheon, he says. " Furst it was ordeynot for a tempul halowing, for whan þe Romanus weron lordys of alle þe worlde, þei madon a tempul in Rome rowade os a dof-hous, and callud it Panteon, and setton in þe mydul of þe tempul an ymage þat was chef Mawmete of alle Rome, and þan of yche londe in þe worlde anop' ymages rounde alle aboute þe wall, & þe name of þe londe þt þe ymages was of, was wryton vnder þe fete of þe ymages, & alle weron so made be nygromancy, þt whan any lond turnyd fro þe empouer of Rome, anone þe ymages of þt lond turnyd his faas to þe walles & hys bak to þe ymages of Rome. So whan þe byschoppus comyn into þe tempul & segh an ymages turnyd, þei lokyd of what lond, and so gode anone and tolde þe emperour" (*MS. Claud.*, A. II, fo. 111). Afterwards Gregory IV, in 884 or 885, on account of the difficulty of providing at Rome for the influx of worshippers on this day, transferred the festival from May 13 to Nov. 1, and ordained that not only the Virgin and martyrs, but the memory of all saints should be celebrated (*Pol. Verg.*, *l. cit.*; *Joach. Hildebrand. de Diebus Sanctis*, p. 113). Sigebert, in *Chron.*, an. 885, says that Gregory instituted it at the request of the emperor Louis; but Vincentius (*l. XXV*, c. 34) relates that the pope asked him for a confirmation of it, whence it appears, says Hospinian, that in these times the popes could not institute festivals of their own authority (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 142 b.) Salmuth makes the same inference from the words of Bede, where, speaking of Boniface, he says—" *suis precibus a Phoca Cæsare impetrarat donari ecclesiæ Christi templum Romæ, quod ab antiquis Pantheum antea vocabatur.*"—" *Ex quo Bedæ loco satis colligitur veteres Christianos, multa ab horrida illa Ethnicorum antiquitate in usum ecclesiæ flexisse; sed interveniente tamen imperatoris autoritate; sine qua vim illa suam retinere non possent*" (*Comment. in Panciro.*, p. i, p. 108, where he refers to *Novel. Justin.* 67, *de non adificandis novis ecclesiis*—the care of sacred matters belongs to the prince, and to his authority it is competent to make laws concerning them, and to order and forbid them). The history of this feast, and the reasons for its institution, are briefly recounted in the old MS. metrical treatise on the festivals of the church:—

" Alle haluen dai we holdeþ one tymе of þe gere  
 For mony enchesouns holi cherche þt ous gan lere.  
 On is for þe grete nombre þt of alle haluen is,  
 þt ech ne mai noxt at his feste. an dai habbe ywys:  
 Anop' is þt we feble þeþ þt we ne mowe noxt alle  
 þe festen bi hom seluen holde. as hi doþ in þe gere falle.  
 Bonefas þe gode pope. to þis fals auteris come  
 And of bilk false godes gret zeme he nom.  
 In \* \* \* of an cherche he set rere.  
 Of our ladi and al halwe in bilke place were,

At six hondrep ger and fife. our lord þ<sup>r</sup> bifore  
 Of Marie his suete moþr an eyre was ibore.  
 þe cherche þ<sup>t</sup> of our ladi was. and of al halwe þ<sup>o</sup> ifounde  
 Stond gut at Rome. and is iclepeþ Marie la Rounde.  
 þe pope also Bonefas. an dai in þe gere.  
 In hono<sup>r</sup> of alle haluen. he let haluy þere.  
 And het porou al cristendom. halwy þilke dai.  
 At þilke time he was iholde þe enlefte dai in Mai.  
 Ac þe pope Gregori. þ<sup>t</sup> þ<sup>r</sup> after longe com.  
 Isei þ<sup>t</sup> þe dai to halwy was porou al cristendom.  
 And þ<sup>r</sup> rigt was þ<sup>r</sup> ech man. þe mestre and þe leste.  
 In hono<sup>r</sup> of alle halue. made þanné feste  
 In a starce tyme of þe ger. ge woteþ hit is in Mai.  
 So gret feste for to holde. as fel to þilke dai.  
 þ<sup>r</sup> fore he let þen dai torne. as me him holdeþ gude.  
 In þe ferste dai of Nouembre. whan god is noȝt to late."

*Cott. MS., Julius D. IX, fo. 158<sup>b</sup>, 159.*

The Council of Mayence, which was held about 829, makes no mention of the festival of All Saints in *can. 36*, whence we may conclude, that it was not observed in France before the time of Louis the Pious.

Festivitas S. PETRI.—Aug. 1. “Alio die post festivitatem sancti Petri qui dicitur ad vincula.”—*Sparkes, Script.*, p. 410.

Festum.—See *Feast, Fest, Festival*. In dates *Festum* is often omitted, as in that of the Council of Compeigne: “Pridie nonas Januarii, A. D. 1303, die Veneris post Circumcisionem” (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 199). Sometimes it is understood, and a genitive case of the name follows a preposition, which governs the accusative or ablative, as in a German charter of liberties in 1237—“Dominica post Bartholomei et post Galli omnibus liberum forum erit usque in nonam horam tertii diel, nisi fori violaverit libertatem, quod qui fecerit mortis sententia subjacebit.”—*Baring., Clav. Diplom.*, n. I; p. 478.

Festum AGNETIS Secundo.—Jan. 28: E. 449; L. 461. In the kalendars of *Arras*, 826, V. 422; T. 435. This festival is the octave of St. Agnes, but erroneously, for no octave was ever ordained. Properly, it is the second commemoration of St. Agnes—“La seconda Memoria di s. Agnese,” as the modern Romans term it. According to Belethus, *cap. 75*, this festival commemorates her appearance to her parents, when lamenting over her grave, on the eighth day after her martyrdom.

Festum AMAN.—A Jewish festival in honor of Haman, who was hanged by order of Ahasuerus. It was celebrated on the 14th and 15th of the month Adar, which answers to our February and March.

Festum Annunciationis S. MARIE.—See *Festivitas Dominicæ Matris*.

Festum Apostolorum, or Omnitum Apostolorum.—The feast of All Apostles was formerly celebrated May 1, in the Latin church, and June 30 in the Greek church. Durandus seems to attribute its institution to Gregory IV, 894 (*De Ration. Div. Off.*, l. VII). But it must be much more ancient; the feast of the apostles Philip and James is found in the kalendar of

Arras (an. 896), and in the Dano-Saxon Menology; and this festival is supposed to have originated from the consecration of the church of St. Philip and St. James, by John III, in the sixth century, when he probably restricted the feast of all the Apostles, May 1, to those two only. See PHILIP & JAMES.

Festum Architriclini.—The name of the second Sunday after the Epiphany, taken from the marriage of Cana. Du Cange considers it to be the name of a person, and not that of an office: however this may be, he finds it used as a date by Puricellus, in *Basilic. Ambros.*, p. 1063: "Architriclini festi, quod celebratur annuatim pro imperatore Frederico, et filio ejus Anrico." "Die Architriclini."—*Gloss.*, t. III, col. 428.

Festum Armorum CHRISTI.—See *F. Lancee et Clavorum Christi*.

Festum Ascensionis Domini.—See *Ascensio Domini*. There is no particular mention of this festival among the ancient authors, by whom it was comprehended under the fifty days of fast after Easter. Augustin, in Epist. 118, names the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord into Heaven, and the Advent of the Holy Ghost from Heaven, as the principal feasts of his time. After the abrogation of the fast of fifty days after Easter, it was made a peculiar solemnity.—*Hosp., Fest. Christ.*

Festum Asinorum.—At Rouen, Dec. 25; and at Beauvais, Jan. 14.—See v. I, p. 140.

Festum Asymorum.—See *Festum Azymorum*.

Festum Autumni.—See *Festum Inductionis Maii*.

Festum Avinculis S. PETRI.—See *Petri ad Vincula Festum*. "Nullus etiam tenens conduceat pro tempore messis famulos seu famulas quo usque elegerit quos voluerit in festo sive citra festum avinculus sancti Petri, sub pena xld."—*MS. Exempl. Consuetud. Manerii de Cockerham, co. Lanc., temp. Edw. I (Hil. T., 21 Eliz., rot. 110, Rememb. Off. Excheq.)*

Festum Azymorum.—The feast of unleavened bread; from the Greek negation *a*, and *λύμη*, ferment. It is taken for Easter, though the Jewish Azymes commenced at the end of the Paschal feast (*Pol. Verg.*, l. VII, c. 6, p. 312). This term is of frequent occurrence in the disputes between the Greek and Latin churches—the latter contending that the bread in the mass ought to be unleavened, in imitation of the Paschal bread of the Jews, and of our Saviour, who, on the day of the Passover, instituted the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, of which the mass is a profane travesty. As a date, it is used for Easter Day, in *Orderic. Vital.*, l. II, p. 816.

Festum S. BONIFACII.—See *suprà*, p. 132, cent. 8.

Festum Broncheriarum.—The feast of the branch; Palm Sunday.

Festum Calendarum.—This appears to have been a name of Christmas, which is still called *Les Calènes* at Marseilles. See vol. I, p. 110.

Festum Calicis.—The feast of the cup, celebrated in commemoration of the eucharist, or Palm Sunday.

Festum Campanarum.—The feast of bells, March 25, either on account of the ringing of bells on that day for the Annunciation of the Virgin, or because the people are called upon to salute the Virgin by the ringing of a bell (see *Festum Annunciationis b. MARIE*). Pancirollus and others ascribe the invention of bells to Paulinus, bishop of Nola, in Campania (in 400 or 458), whence they were called *Campanæ* and *Nolæ* (*Nova Reperta, tit. IX*, p.

158). The larger, or church, bells are usually called *Campanæ*, while the little tinkling bells of saints are *Nolæ*. Polydore Vergil quotes Josephus, (*Antiq.*, l. 3), to shew what he might have learned on better authority (*Exod.*, xxviii, 34), that the bell was known in the time of Moses (l. III, c. 18, p. 204). It seems probable that Paulinus merely transferred the use of the bell from profane to divine purposes, and that he was the first to suspend them in churches. If the early Christians had dared to use a bell to call the people to prayers, it is not unlikely that they would have mentioned it by the Roman or Greek name, instead of the general term, signal: Thus, in the translation of Ephrem, who lived about 370—"Signo ad syntaxin, et officio dato, omnium ultimus tunc frater occurrit; et ante omnes e congregacione exire conatur" (*Hom. Parænes.*, 43). Gregory of Tours, in 580, uses the term "commoto signo" [the signal having been moved or given], for divine service in a baptistery (*Vit. Patr.*, c. 4); and here signum seems to be a bell. The *campanæ*, or large bells, were in use in 600: "Jussi incipiunt in ecclesia litaniam, tertiam, et campanæ tanguntur, et ingrediuntur ad missam" (*Ord. Rom.*, tit. *de Sabbat. Sanct.*) Polydore Vergil says that it was Pope Sabinian who decreed that they should be rung at stated hours for prayers (l. VI, c. 12, p. 398). This pontiff succeeded Gregory the Great in 599. In England, they were employed for this purpose in 700 (*Bed., Hist. Eccles.*, l. II, c. 23). The rational utility of bells could not preserve them from stupid superstition; John XIII consecrated a new bell, which had been placed in the church of St. John Lateran, and gave it the name of John. This was about 968, but Baronius places it in 904: the question is of no importance—all the bells were soon consecrated, and separately denominated in this manner; and Casalius is very anxious to correct the notion of the common people, who not very unreasonably call the ceremony baptizing the bells. We learn, however, from him, that the profanity does not extend to the rites of baptism (*De Vet. Sacris Christ. Ritibus*, c. xxxii, p. 150). The American author of *Popery Revealed* says that the following inscription, declaratory of their uses, is placed upon the consecrated bells—

"Colo verum deum; plebem voco; et congregate clerum  
Divos adoro; festa doceo; defunctos ploro;  
Pestem, Dæmonesque fugo."

[I worship the true God; I call the people, and assemble the clergy; I adore the Gods; I teach the time of festivals, lament the deceased, and put to flight pestilence and devils.] To much the same purport are the verses in *Glos. Extravag., de Offic. Custod.*, c. 1:

"Lando deum verum, plebemque voco, congregate clerum,  
Defunctos ploro, nimbum fugo, festaque honoro."

*Our Lord I praise, the people call and clergy bring,  
The dead lament, wild storms disperse, and saint-days ring.*"

The ringing of bells to the praise of God was an invention of Gregory IX, between 1227 and 1241 (*Petr. Messia, par. iv, c. 9; Plat. in Vit. Greg.*; *Casal., loc. cit.*) John XXII (from 1410 to 1417) decreed, that thrice every

day the bells should be rung at vespers, when every one must recite the salutation to the Virgin (*Pol. Verg., loc. cit.*) ; for when the bell rang, the angels, as well as the people, sang the *Ave Maria*, or Hail Mary. The bells were also inscribed with the holy words, “Ave Maria grata plena” [Hail, Mary, full of grace], or “Verbum Caro factum est” [The word was made flesh], of both which, devils and evil spirits are vastly afraid—“quæ tremenda sunt Daemonibus” (*Casal., lib. cit.*, p. 193). All this goes to account for the name of *Festum Campanarum*, as applied to the Annunciation. For most of the purposes enumerated above, the bell, trumpet, drum, or other sounding instrument, was employed by the ancient pagans. They rang the bell on occasions of death, as appears from the ancient scholiast on Theocritus, because they believed that it would expel spectres and fiends (*Adr., jun., Animadv.*, l. III, c. 11). Apparently for the same reason, the Synod of Worcester, in 1240, direct the priest to take with him a bell and candle when he bears the eucharist to the sick ; though it must be confessed, that they order a little bell to be rung on raising our Lord’s body by the hands of the priest, in order to excite the devotion of some and the charity of others, which is a tolerably miraculous property in bell-ringing (*Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 243). Among the pagans, it was a repellent of the arts of enchanters, and an assistant to the moon under an eclipse. The same notion prevailed among the Christians in the time of St. Ambrose (*Homil.* 82). It was used to dissipate thunder-clouds, and the bell is now rung under the same rational notion (*Martin. del Rio, Disq. Mag.*, l. VI, c. 2, fo. 221—where many other papistical absurdities may be found relating to bells. The expulsion of the devil by the noise of a bell or a kettle-drum is a very ancient superstition : the priests of Isis used the sistrum to drive away Typhon, or the evil principle (*Plut. de Iside et Osiride*, c. 63), and various noisy instruments answer the same purpose among the Hottentots, Caffres, the negroes on the coast of Guinea, some tribes of North American Indians, and by other savages in different parts of the world. We are, therefore, at no loss to account for the importance attached to consecrated bells at the present day. Many ridiculous miracles are related of bell-ringing (*Audoen. Vit. S. Eligii; Petr. Cluniac.*, l. I, c. 13). In Sir John Sinclair’s Statistical Account of Scotland, the Rev. Mr. Patrick Stuart, minister of Killin parish, Perthshire, says—“There is a bell belonging to the chapel of St. Fillan, that was in high reputation among the votaries of that saint in old times. It seems to be of some mixed metal. It is about a foot high, and of an oblong form. It usually lay on a grave-stone in the church-yard. When mad people were brought to be dipped in the saint’s pool, it was necessary to perform certain ceremonies, in which there was a mixture of druidism and popery. After remaining all night in the chapel, bound with ropes, the bell was put upon their head with great solemnity. It was the popular opinion that, if stolen, it would extricate itself out of the thief’s hands and return home, ringing all the way. For some years past this bell has been locked up, to prevent its being used for superstitious purposes.”

*Festum Candelarum*, or *Candelosæ*.—The feast of candles, in a charter of 1286. See *Candlemas*; *Festum Luminum*.

*Festum Catenarum S. PETRI*.—The feast of Peter’s chains, August 1. Pope Alexander is said to have found the chains about 119, and the festival to VOL. II.

have been instituted by the empress Eadoxia, wife of Theodosius, in the fifth century (*Hildebrand. de Diebus Sanctis*, p. 103.) See *Petri ad Vincula Festum*.

*Festum Cathedræ S. Petri*.—See *Festum S. Petri Epularum*.

*Festum Christi*.—Christmas, in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (*Art de verif. les Dates*, t. II.) “Festum Christi Nativitatis” occurs thrice in letters patent of Edw. III, 1346.—*Rymer*, t. III, p. 83.

*Festum Compassionis, or Septem Dolorum B. MARIE*.—This festival is called the *Sorrows of the B. V. Mary* in the Laity’s Directory, and “La Madonna de’ sette Dolori” at Rome (*Corso delle Stelle*, p. 37). It was instituted at Toledo by the Abp. Ildefonso, and in England by Anselm, abp. of Canterbury (*Concil. Lond.*, an. 1328, c. 2). Theodoric, archbp. of Cologne in 1423, ordained it to be solemnly celebrated on Friday after the Sunday *Jubilate* (Friday in Passion Week), in all the churches of his province: “Statuimus ut deinceps singulis annis feria sexta post Dominicam Jubilate in omnibus ecclesiis provinciali nostræ solenniter celebratur” (*Stat. Conc. Col.* c. 11; *Harduin.*, *Collect.*, t. VIII, p. 1013). This rule is observed in England and Italy; but at Lubeck it is held on Friday before Pentecost, and, in France, Wednesday of Passion Week. In some places, the festival appears to be called “Commemoratio Septem Dolorum.”—*Hospit. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 80.

*Festum Conceptionis S. JOHANNIS Baptiste*.—Sept. 24: G. 414; V. 430. In some Continental churches, it was celebrated Sept. 20. A homily was written on the conception of St. John the Baptist by Chrysostom, *Oper.*, t. VII, hom. 51.

*Festum Consecrationis Candelarum*.—The Feast of the Consecration of Candles, is but another name of Candlemas, or Purification of our Lady (Feb. 2); from the benediction of the candles, which are this day borne in procession to drive away the devil, and is more consonant to paganism than Christianity; for we read that, formerly, Proserpine was worshipped in this manner with torches and lamps.—*Matt. Dresser. de Festibus Diebus*, p. 27.

*Festum Coronæ CHRISTI*.—Feast of the Crown of Christ, sometimes called the *Crown of Thorns*, celebrated in Germany on Friday after the octave of Easter—or the following Friday, if the first is occupied (*Verif. des Dates*). See *Festum Lanceæ et Clavorum CHRISTI*.

*Festum Coronæ Domini*.—Feast of the Crown of St. Louis, celebrated at Paris Oct. 11.—*Verif. des Dates*.

*Festum Corporis et Sanguinis CHRISTI*.—The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ has already been noticed, under the mutilated names which it now suits the Papists to employ in designating a festival, which they pretend was instituted in honor of the host, but which, in reality, was to commemorate the dream of Eva, a female fanatic of Liege. Under the name of *Corpus Christi Day*, and *Feast of Corpus Christi*, it is now employed to adorn the doctrine of Transubstantiation, and, therefore, the rites by which it is celebrated merit examination. Petrus de Natalibus describes what he believes to be the miracle which occasioned Urban IV to institute the feast of *Corpus Christi* (see *Festivitas Corporis Jesu Christi*); and the authors of the “Art de verifier les Dates,” in their chronology of the popes, state that it was instituted in consequence of his having seen, when archdeacon of Liege,

the feast of the holy sacrament produced in that church. He extended it, they say, through all the church by a bull, in 1264, which fixed it for ever to the Thursday after the octave of Pentecost, so that this year it was celebrated June 19. After Urban's death, the solemnity was interrupted forty years (*t. III, p. 367*). From this, it would seem to have been in existence before the time of this pope; but the expression, "naître dans cette église la fête du saint Sacrement," is not very precise, and probably was not intended to be otherwise than obscure. The festival seems to have fallen into neglect a much longer period than forty years, notwithstanding the attempt to force it upon the people by the General Council of Vienne, in 1311 and 1312, by which it was confirmed. It seems to have been unknown in 1338, for the form of peace between Edward III of England and the men of Flanders is dated, "Done a Andwers, le Meskerdey après la Jour de la Trinitie, l'an de Grace 1338" [that is, Given at Antwerp, Wednesday after the day of the Trinity (or June 10) 1338] *Rymer, t. III, p. 1043*. If the feast had then been in vogue, it is very probable that, as this Wednesday was the eve or vigil of Corpus Christi, it would have been so described in an important diploma, particularly issuing from a bishopric adjoining to that of Liege, and not as an ordinary day, after another festival. In 1381, it is used as a date by Will. Wyrcestre (see *Corpus Christi Day*). Onuphrius Panvinus, in his Annotations on Platina's Life of Urban IV, quoted by Hospinian, thinks it a most shameful and scandalous thing to institute a festival on account of the revelation of the woman Eva, which is related by John Bale (*Script. Brit., cent. iv, c. 38*). Grettacher, a jesuit, who replied to Hospinian, on the appearance of the first edition of his Origin of Christian Festivals, somewhat boldly denied this account, and, in coarse terms, abused the Swiss divine for calling Corpus Christi a mutilated title. The latter answers him by quoting the bull, which is extant in *Clement., Extra. de Reliq. et Vener. Sanctorum*, and in which, after recounting the fable, the pope styles the new festival, "Festum Corporis et Sanguinis Christi," and appoints it to be observed with litanies, masses and octaves. The same name was given to it by Clement V (*De Fest. Christ., fo. 88*). There can be no doubt, therefore, that originally this festival was not intended to be in honor of transubstantiation, but to commemorate the pretended revelation of the fanatic or impostress, Eva, though it is now employed to support the still greater imposture of the real presence in the piece of bread, which is borne about in procession on this day, and worshipped with a multitude of ceremonies, adopted from the idolatrous rites of Ceres, Isis, Diana, and the Persian God of Fire, as is elegantly demonstrated by Petr. Viretus, in his treatise *De Adulterior. Cœna Domini, l. I.* In the rites of Corpus Christi, a piece of bread is carried about and shewn to the people, on which account the box or case containing it is called, in Latin, *monstrantia*, and in Greek, *haerotheca*. On exposing it, the people fall down on their knees and worship it, as it were our Saviour himself. Naogeorgus gives a long description of the ceremonies. In some of the processions at Rome, first goes a cross, then the pope, after whom a white horse, in splendid trappings, carries the bread—on the horse's collar a little bell is suspended, and is continually tinkling (see *Festum Campanaram*). The pope's baldechin, or cloth of gold, and ensigns are also borne. Twelve familiars, clad in red,

proceed on foot, with 12 *intorcinia*, or torches, before the piece of bread. Then two sacristans, in red, march with silver lanterns, lighted. Hospinian quotes many more particulars from the Roman Ceremonial, *l. III*: what he says respecting the origin of the ceremonies may be of more value. In the first place, he quotes Virgil's celebrated description of the *Ambarvalia*, or rustic rites paid to the goddess of corn, and other agricultural produce, which are also imitated in the processions of the Rogations. On torches, and the white dresses worn by the priests, Ovid, in *Fast.*, *l. V*, is quoted—

“ *Tæda. Illic accendit geminas pro lampade pinus :*  
Hinc Cereris sacris nunc quoque teda datur.”

“ *Sed si thura aberint, unctas accendite tædas.*”

“ *Alba decent Cererem,*” &c.

In the Cereal rites, a long train of divine images were borne in procession. The papists substitute the host, and the people salute it as they carry it about the streets. To shew the correspondence of these ceremonies with those of Isis and Diana, Claudian and Apuleius (*De Asin.*, *l. II*) are produced; but so much has already been said on the disgusting subject, that room can be afforded only to a remarkable passage, in the mandate which was issued by a bishop immediately after his election, and which explains the meaning of the horse in the papist procession: “ As the Persian king was preceded by a horse bearing fire, which the Persians adored for a god, so we are preceded by the consecrated host, which we command all our subjects to worship and adore, as the real body of our lord.”—*Hospin.*, *fo. 90 b*; see *v. I*, *p. 74*.

*Festum de Armis, de Clavis, de Corona, de Lancea Christi.*—See *Festum Lancee Christi*.

*Festum Decollationis S. JOHANNIS Baptista.*—The Beheading of St. John the Baptist (see *Decollatio S. JOH. B.*) In some ancient kalendars, this is simply *Natalis*: “ *IIII kal Sept. Natalis sanctæ Sabinae, et sancti Johannis Baptiste*” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). This festival is said to have been instituted, as the present title imports, to commemorate the day of St. John's decapitation; but this happened about the *Festum Azymorum* (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, *fo. 132*). He was imprisoned by Herod (*Luke*, iii, 19), who is said to have put him to death; but his offence is uncertain (*Pol. Verg.*, *l. VIII*, *c. 6*, *p. 480*), and whether he died by violence, or in the course of nature, is a matter of dispute. According to Durandus, *Festum Decollationis* is a mistake of *Festum de Collectione*, or *Collectionis*; and Gilbert asserts that his relics were collected and raised on “ *IIII cal. Sept.*” Dr. Forster inclines to this opinion (*Peren. Calend.*, *p. 496*): a third opinion is advanced by Baronius (*t. II*, *p. 84*), who says that the festival was instituted to commemorate the discovery (invention) of his head. A fourth opinion of its origin is, that it commemorates the translation of the finger with which St. John pointed to our Lord, when he used the memorable words, “ Behold the Lamb of God.” Hospinian discusses these conflicting opinions at some length (*fo. 132, et seqq.*), and Chrysostom has a homily on the beheading of the baptist.—(*Oper.*, *t. VII*, *p. 100*).

*Festum Dedicationis.*—See *Dedicacion, Dedication*.

Festum de Dimissione, de Divisione.—See *Festum Dimissionis*.

Festum de Salutatione B. MARIAE.—June 25. *Walsingham, Hist.*, p. 347.

Festum Dimissionis Apostolorum.—See *Festum Divisionis*.

Festum Dimissionis, or Dispersionis.—See *Festum Divisionis*.

Festum Divisionis XII Apostolorum.—According to Petr. de Natalibus, who is followed by some kalendars, July 15 (*l. VI, c. 99*); Hildebrand says June 25 (*De Diebus Sanctis*, p. 100). This last is altogether erroneous, as is also July 19, which is found in several kalendars—while, in the Runic kalendar, it is July 14 (*Ol. Worm., Fasti Danici*). The festival was instituted to commemorate the division or separation of the twelve apostles, which, according to Hospiian, took place on July 15, which will, therefore, be the day of the festival (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 117 b.) Polydore Vergil says that they distributed themselves to preach the gospel among the provinces, as follows—Thomas in Parthia, Matthew in Ethiopia, Bartholomew in India, Andrew in Scythia, John in Asia, Peter in Gallatia, &c. (*l. IV, c. 2, p. 219*). Another account of the origin of the festival is, that Pope Sylvester, wishing to consecrate the churches erected by Constantine in honor of St. Peter and St. Paul, weighed both the large and small bones of the two apostles, and gave exactly half to each church (*Durand. Rat. Div. Off.*, *l. VII, c. 15*). Hospiian justly remarks that if this account be true, the festival should be called, not Festum “Divisionis XII,” but “Festum Divisionis II Apostolorum.”—*Ib., fo. 118*.

Festum de Dispersione Apostolorum.—The Separation of the twelve Apostles, July 15, to preach the gospel (see *Festum Divisionis*). This title occurs in *Chron. Sax.*, *an. 1090*, apud *Leibnitz, Access. Hist.*, p. 276.

Festum de Hokeday.—In the record of an inquisition concerning lands belonging to the monastery of Eynsham, the jurors say that the abbot has six roods of land in villeinage—“et debent laborare in septimana IV dies per annum, et valet operatio per V dies ij<sup>d</sup>, a Festo Sancti Michaelis usque ad Hokeday; et a Festo de Hokeday usque ad Festum S. Joh. Baptiste, j<sup>d</sup>” (*Monast. Anglic.*, *t. III, p. 19, by Ellis*). See *Hokeday*.

Festum Dominicæ Circumcisio[n]is.—The Feast of our Lord’s Circumcision, was celebrated Jan. 1. This day, in the ancient church, was not held as a festival, but as a day of mourning: We fast on this day, says Ambrose, in order that the heathens may understand that we condemn their pleasures (*Serm. 2 de kalend. Januar.*) By degrees pagan manners broke in, and occasioned Chrysostom to reproach the Christians with celebrating the kalends of January with heathen usages. The custom of hanging branches of laurel, olive, and other evergreens, over the doors on the first of January, was frequently prohibited by the Greek councils (*Hildebrand. de Diebus Sanctis*, p. 35 & 36). One reason of this may be, that it was considered as a continuation of Christmas, and, until the seventh century, it was called the octave day of the Nativity of our Lord—though Mr. L'Estrange says that the Circumcision was first mentioned as a festival by Ivo Carnotensis, who lived in 1090, a little before St. Bernard (*Alliance of Div. Offices*, p. 148): in fact, one of his sermons has the title, *De Circumcisione Domini Cott. MS., Claud. A. VI, fo. 157*). But this is not the first mention of the festival; it occurs in the Saxon kalendars (see *Agni Circumcisio*), which appear to be earlier than the bishop of Chartres. Some say that it was in-

stituted by *Felix II*, about 488, under the emperor Zeno; but, on the other hand, this pope is said to have ordained the octave of the Nativity—but *Petr. de Natalibus* asserts that the day is improperly so termed (*I. II, c. 27*). *Hospius* says that the Circumcision is not mentioned by any of the ancient fathers, nor even by *Isidore*, *Micrologus*, *Amularius*, *Raban Walfrid*, or *Strabo*, who describe the offices of all the festivals. In the Constitutions of Charlemagne, and the Council of Mayence (*can. 36*), the octave of the Nativity occurs (*De Fest. Christ., fo. 31 b.*) It is mentioned, however, by *Bede*, who lived before Charlemagne, in his *Martyrology*:

“Circumcisæ caro, iam sacrat ecce calendas.”

*Oper., t. I, p. 243.*

The Council of Oxford, in 1222, and the General Council of Lyon in 1245, enumerate it among their festivals. Apparently Jan. 1 was celebrated in ancient times, both as the octave of the Nativity and the Circumcision, and it is so mentioned in *Mirk's sermon*, *De Festa Circumcisionis Domini*: “Gode crysten men, þ<sup>t</sup> day is kalled newe gerus day as endyng of þe gere þ<sup>t</sup> hys gon & þe byg<sup>ing</sup> of þe gere þat ys comyng: þen schal ge þt ben goddes seruandes knowe wel þ<sup>t</sup> þ<sup>t</sup> day ys kalled newe geres day & also þe eyreuncysyon of oure lord, & also þe vtas of þe natuyte” (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 27*); and he proceeds to state that it was an opinion taught by the church, that the operation was performed on this day, when he was only eight days old. In 1444, the feast of the name of Jesus was substituted for the Circumcision, by the Faculty of Theology at Paris.

**Festum Dominicæ Cœsæ.**—This is more commonly called *Cena Domini*, which see. The festival is a mere copy of the *Cena Auguralis* or *pontificalis*, given by the pagan Romans twice a year—on July 24 and Sept. 20 (*Macrobius Sat., l. III, c. 18*). *Polydore Vergil* says that *Fabian* (from 236 to 250) decreed that the old chrysm should be burned, and annually renewed “in Cœsa Domini” (*De Invent., l. V, c. 3, p. 292*). In the Council of Laodicea, about 366, by *can. 60* it is declared, that the feast should be most strictly observed on this day (Thursday before Easter), which was confirmed by the Council of Maçon I (c. 14). The Council of Carthage, in 397, allowed the faithful to sup after communion. The Council of Orleans 3, in 533, by *can. 29* prohibited Jews from appearing in public from this day until Monday following, that is for four days—and from mixing in any place with Christians: “Ne liceat Judæis ab hoc die Cœsa Dominicæ usque in secundam sabbathi, hoc est toto quatriduo, in publicum prodire, et Christianis ullo in loco misceri.” A similar prohibition is found in the Synod. Meliæns., 588. *Hospius* says that there is no particular mention of this festival among the more ancient authors; and that it was comprised under those six or seven holidays which were anciently celebrated, without being made a peculiar solemnity—though *Polydore Vergil*, without any authority, ranks it among the festivals instituted by the Apostles. According to the *Liber Pontificalis*, *Leo II*, in 682, commanded that this festival should be held in April. *Nicholas I*, about 860, ordered the “Gloria in excelsis” to be sung at mass (*Trithem. de Script.*); but *Durandus* attributes that order to *Boniface* (*Rat. Div. Off., l. VI, c. 75*). In many places the altars are washed with wine and water, and ornamented with boughs, particularly of

savin (*Ib.*, c. 76). This is in imitation of the pagan ceremony called *Lavatio Matris Dediū*, in which the statues of the gods were washed (*Arnob. contra Gentes*, l. VII.) In some places, the pavement of the church was scoured. After vespers, two acolytes, in black cassocks, having removed the ornaments, cover them with black cloth, place crowns upon them, veil the images, and extinguish the candles one by one, except that in the middle, which is preserved in the window or a closet, to light the others again (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 59): this pantomime is performed to represent the passion (see *Tenebrae*). The savagely persecuting spirit of the Romanists is manifested to be equal to their superstition, by the infamous bull—"In Coena Domini," which is solemnly read from the altars of their churches, excommunicating and cursing all Hussites, Lutherans, Zuinglians, Calvinists, Hugonots, and their believers, receivers and favourers; and generally, all their defenders, and the readers of their books without the Pope's authority. The first author of this bull was Paul III, who published it on the day of this festival, in 1536. It begins "Consueverunt Romani Pontifices," and not "Consecraverunt," as printed in the edition of the Benedictines. It contains twenty-four paragraphs, to which Pius V, Paul V, and Urban VIII, made additions and alterations.—*L'Art de verif. les Dates*, t. III, p. 423.

**Festum Duplex.**—Any principal festival on which there are two offices, or the proper office is repeated, is called a double festival. A bull of Innocent IV, in 1356, ordains the festival of St. Augustine to have a double office, and his day to be observed by cessation from labour and mechanical operations: "interdictis in festis duplicitibus."—*Will. Thorn. Chron.*, col. 2119.

**Festum Evangelismi.**—The 5th Sunday after Easter. This festival, commemorating Christ's sermon on the mount, was formerly celebrated in several places on the 1st of May.

**Festum Fatuorum, or Stultorum.**—The Feast of Fools, was observed by a burlesque election of a mock pope, mock cardinals and bishops, attended by a thousand absurd ceremonies, gambols and antics.—*Dr. Forster on All Fools Day*; *Peren. Cal.*, p. 152.

**Festum Festorum.**—Easter Day, in *Nazianz.*, *Orat. 2, de Paschate*.

**Festum Herbarum.**—The Feast of Herbs, Aug. 15, or the Assumption. As the Virgin Mary was compared to a rose and a lily, the women on this day gather bundles of herbs and flowers, which they bring into the church, where the priest consecrates them, and thus endows them with the property of expelling devils, ghosts and witches, and of averting lightning, thunder, and all sorts of evils.—*Witckind. Comput. Eccl.*; *Hospin.*, fo. 130.

**Festum Hypapantes.**—See *Hypapanti*.

**Festum Hypodiaconorum, or Subdiaconorum.**—The Feast of Sub-deacons, in some churches the first, and in others the last day of the year. It seems to have resembled the Festival of Fools.

**Festum Immaculæ Conceptionis.**—By this name, Sixtus IV ordained the festival of the Virgin's Conception to be celebrated in all churches (*Hildebrand de Diebus Sanctis*, p. 16). It had, however, been celebrated long before this pontiff (see *Conceptio S. Dei Geneticis*), and had been renewed by the Council of Basil, 1431 (not 1439, as stated on the authority of the Church of England Magazine, in *p. 56 supra*—nor 1441, as dated by Dres-

ser, whence has arisen the mistake, that a Council of Basil confirmed it in that year, when no such Council was held). The bull of Pope Sixtus is dated March 1, 1476, which is the first decree of the Roman church respecting this festival.—*Hist. Chronol. des Papes ; L'Art de verif. les Dates*, t. III, p. 410.

Festum in Cappis.—Holidays, or grand festivals, when the whole cathedral and choir wore caps, or copes, were called *Festa in Cappis*.—*Matt. Paris*, in *Vit. Abb.*, p. 80, 83.

Festum Incarnationis Verbi.—The Feast of the Incarnation of the Word, is a name of the Annunciation (*Casal. de Veter. Sacr. Christ. Ritibus*, c. 60, p. 237). In the Saxon MS., *Titus*, D. XXVII, occurs the following account of the three incarnations of Christ, as the Conception, Nativity, and Resurrection are termed :

“ DNS NR IHS XPS TER CARNALITER HUIC  
MUNDO ORTUS EST.

“ Prima incarnatio quando in utero s’æ Mariæ virginis conceptus est in octaua kl. April. die dominico luna uidelicet illo tempore .XXIX. Secunda nativitas .VIII. kl. ianuarius tertia feria luna eo tempore .XIX. regnante Cesare Augusto ut sacra testatur ueritas euangelica. Tertia resurrectio quando excitatus catulus leonis surrexit .VI. calendas april. die dominico luna .XIX. [xvi, recentiore manu] secundum legem Moysi.”—*Fo. 23.*

Festum Inductionis Maii.—A rural ceremony of bringing in May. See vol. I, p. 233.

Festum S S. Infantium.—Childdermas Day.

Festum Instrumentorum.—The Feast of the Instruments of the Passion. See *Festum Lanceæ et Clavorum Christi*.

Festum Inventionis Capitis S. JOHANNIS.—The Discovery of St. John’s Head, Feb. 24, is mentioned by Simeon Metaphrastes, and occurs in Bede’s Martyrology.

Festum S. JOHANNIS Apostoli ante Portam Collatinam. See *JOHANNIS ante Portam Latinam*.

Festum S. KEMELINI.—“ Circa festum S. Kemelini martiris, mense Julii” (*Wilh. Wyrcest. Annal.*, p. 445). The proper name of this saint was *Kenelm.*, and his day July 17.

Festum Lanceæ et Clavorum CHRISTI.—The Feast of the Spear and Nails by which our Lord suffered. This festival was instituted by Innocent VI, between 1352 and 1362, in honor of the instruments of the Passion, on Friday after the octaves of Easter (*Haltaus, Cal. Med. Aevi*, p. 91). It is a wonder, says Hospinian, that there is no feast in honor of the halter of Judas, or the tribunal of Pontius Pilate. The Feast of the Spear, the Nails and Crown of our Lord Jesus Christ was ordered by the emperor, Charles IV, to be celebrated throughout the Christian world on the 8th day after the octaves of Easter; and the pope granted great indulgences, favour and pardons, to such as obeyed. In 929, it is pretended, the spear with which Christ was wounded was found at Jerusaleni. In 1237, Baldwin, emperor of Constantinople, sold or pawned the wood of the spear, the sponge, and piece of the true cross, to the Venetians, who sold them again to Louis of France for an immense sum of money. The iron head was brought to Rome by Mus-

tapha Bassa in the time of Innocent VI, and probably occasioned the festival in which the spear is solemnly worshipped, and invoked in the following blasphemous strain :

“ Ave ferrum triumphale,  
Intrans pectus tu vitale,  
*Cæli pandis ostia,*  
Fœcunditate in cruento,  
Felix hasta nos amore,  
Per te fixi sancia,” &c.

which, says Hospinian, is certainly a most atrocious blasphemy against the Son of God, who alone, by his merits, opens to us the gates of Heaven (*De Fest. Christi*, fo. 78); and certainly nothing can be more puerile and ridiculous than to ascribe this power to a piece of iron. In some places, this is a stationary festival, and held May 4. It has many names, taken from the different instruments, as *Festum—Armorum Christi,—Instrumentorum Dominicæ Passionis,—Hastæ,—Clavorum, &c.—Festum—de Corona,—de Clavis, &c., Domini,—de Lancea et Clavis, &c.* The English name was, formerly, the Arms of the Passion; and from the will of the countess of Hungerford in the reign of Edward IV, we learn that these emblems were sometimes engraved or punched upon the plate of the nobility : she bequeaths, among other things, “a paire of candlestickes of silver double gilt, and pounced with the arms that longeth to the Passion.”—*Dugd. Bar.*, v. II, p. 208.

*Festum Luminarium.*—A name of the Epiphany, which was so called—not exactly from a spiritual reason, because light was produced on this day, but because wax tapers and lamps were burned during the whole night. The Germans call it *Weikenacht*, the Holy Night. Anciently, about 370, the Christians crowned their doors with garlands, wore effeminate dresses adorned with gold and gems, and indulged themselves in feasts and dances (*Nazianz., Homil. in Fest. Natal.*) Liutprand, bishop of Cremona about 974, has a curious description of the festivities which he witnessed in Constantinople (*Hildebrand. de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 21). See *Epiphany*.

*Festum Luminum.*—The Feast of Lights or Candles (our Candlemas), Feb 2 : “ No sooner has a man advanced little forward into their churches, but he will find his attention attracted by a number of lamps and wax candles, which are kept constantly burning before the shrines and images of their saints. In the great churches of Italy, says Mabillon, they hang up lamps at every altar—a sight which not only surprises a stranger by its novelty, but will furnish him with another proof of the exact conformity of the Romish with the pagan worship, by recalling to his memory many passages of the heathen writers, where their perpetual lamps and candles are described as continually burning before the altars and statues of their deities.—Ad singulas ecclesias aras, qui ritus in omnibus Italæ basilicis observatur, singulæ appensæ sunt lampades (*Mabill., It. Ital.*, 25) : Plaeuere et lychnachi pensiles in delubris (*Plin. Hist. Nat.*, 1, 34, 3) : Cupidinem argenteum cum lampade (*Cic. in Verr.*, 2).

Centum aras posuit, vigilemque sacraverat ignem.

*Aen.*, IV, 200.

Herodotus tells us of the Egyptians, who first introduced the use of lamps into their temples. Clem. Alex. Strom. (l. I, c. 16) states that they had a famous yearly festival, called, from the principal ceremony, the *Lighting up of Candles*; but there is scarcely a single festival at Rome which might not, for the same reason, be called by the same name. In the collections of old inscriptions, are many instances of presents and donations of lamps and candlesticks for the temples and altars: Cupidines XI cum suis lychnuchiis et lucerna (*Grut. Inscr.*, 177, 3)—a piece of zeal which still continues in modern Rome, where each church abounds with lamps of massive silver, and sometimes of gold, the gifts of princes and persons of distinction; and it is surprising to see how great a number of this kind are perpetually before the altars of their principal saints, or miraculous images, as St. Antony of Padua, or the Lady of Loretto, as well as the vast profusion of wax candles with which their churches are illuminated on every great festival, when the high altar, covered with gold and silver plate, and stuck full of wax lights, looks more like the sideboard of a great prince dressed out for a feast, than an altar to pay divine worship at" (*Dr. Middleton, Lett. from Rome*). According to John Bale, referring to Panthaleon (*in Chron.*), Gregory the Great began the practice (*Script. Brit., cent. 1*). Hospius cites Pol. Verg: (l. VI, c. 12) for a decree of Sabinian, the successor of Gregory, in 604, that lights should be kept constantly burning in churches: but the decree to which he refers relates to the ringing of bells, to announce the canonical hours (*Hospin. de Tempis*, p. 307). After the year 700, when the worship of images had begun, candles, lamps, and censers were placed before them. Honorius III devoted three candelabra of gold to the temple of Pancratia (*Ib.*, p. 308). This must have been between July 24, 1215, and March 18, 1227; but lights had been introduced into churches in the time of Lactantius, who bitterly inveighs against burning them in the day-time (*Inst.*, l. VI, c. 2). The Eboritan Council, in the third or fourth century, prohibited them in cemeteries. The Athenians used lamps in the Vulcanalia, and consecrated them perpetually to the god of fire; and there seems to be no reason to doubt, that this mode of worship among the pagans and Romanists is a relic of the most ancient form of idolatry, that of the sun and heavenly bodies, of which the lamps and candles are symbols.

Festum Magorum.—The feast of the wise men of the East, a name of the Epiphany. Vulgar tradition relates that the Magi were kings—hence the *Festum trium Regum*, or Feast of the three kings of Cologne, of whom the church sings—

“Reges de Saba veniunt.”

(*Hildebrand. de Diebus Sanct.*, p. 40). See *Epiphany* for the other names of this day.

Festum B. MARIE ad Martyres.—See *Fest. B. M. et omnium Martyrum*.

Festum B. MARIE ad Nives, or de Nive.—The Feast of our Lady of the Snow, or Our Lady ad Nives, as it is called in the Laity's Directory, Aug. 5. The Italians observe it on the same day, under the name of Dedication of the Church of the Madonna of the Snow: “La Dedicazione della Basilica della Madonna della Neve sul monte Esquilino in Roma, in oggi detta s. Maria Maggiore” (*Il Corso delle Stelle*, p. 60): but Cardinal Gaietan says

that the day is August 4 (see *Festum Nivis B. M.*) The legend explanatory of this singular name is, that under the papacy of Liberius, in the middle of the 4th century, a nobleman and his wife, having no issue, constituted the Virgin their heiress, and requested her to declare her wishes respecting the disposal of the property. Another account says that she granted a son to the prayers of one John a patrician, and that in return he resolved to reward the Virgin with a church, but was puzzled about the site. However this may be, about the 5th of August, when the heats are most intense at Rome, a miraculous tempest arose in the night, during which a vast quantity of snow fell, and covered a large space of ground on Mount Esquiline; and the Virgin at the same time warned the nobleman and his lady, or Pope Liberius and John the patrician, that on the spot which they would find covered with snow they should build a church, and consecrate it to her name. The church of Our Lady ad Nives, which, from its stateliness, is now called Santa Maria Maggiore, was erected, and the festival instituted to commemorate the event (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 21; *Bapt. Mantuan.*; *Hosp. de Fest.*, fo. 126 b.) It is singular, that even a church cannot be built without the assistance of Baron Munchausen. I have seen it stated somewhere that Nicholas V, in 1454, instituted the festival. The Germans name it "Mariæ Schnee Feyer" (Mary's Snow Feast), and the legend is found in Polewart von Themeswar, "De Stellario Coronæ Mariæ;" but Haltaus considers the introduction of the festival into the church as of doubtful date.—*Cal. Medii Ævi*, p. 115.

**Festum B. MARIA ad Præsepe.**—Our Lady of the Manger, Aug. 5. This is a name of the preceding, derived from the sacred cradle of our Saviour, which is preserved in the church of Maria Maggiore, and exposed every Christmas Day on the high altar, for the adoration of the simple worshippers. "Rome," says Baronius, "is now possessed of that noble monument of the Nativity of Christ, made only of wood, without any ornament of silver or gold; and is rendered more illustrious by it than it was of old by the cotage of Romulus, which, though built only of wood and straw, our ancestors preserved with great care for many ages."—*Annal.* 1.

**Festum B. MARIA Candelariae.**—Candlemas.

**Festum B. MARIA Candelarum.**—The same in the Laws of Canute, c. 14, as translated by Joh. Bromton (*Chron.*, col. 920); and in a charter of the bishop of Cremona, in 1207, quoted by Du Cange.

**Festum B. MARIA Cleophae.**—An ancient festival observed at Paris, May 25, in commemoration of Mary, the wife of Cleophas.—*Joh.* 10.

**Festum B. MARIA de Navicella.**—Our Lady of the Boat; the feast of the dedication of the chapel, so called (see v. I, p. 71). The Germans worshipped Isis in the form of a ship.—*Tacitus*.

**Festum B. MARIA de Victoria.**—Our Lady of the Victory, Oct. 7, instituted by Pius V, in commemoration of the great naval battle of Lepanto, which was fought on this day, 1571, between the Christians and the Turks, who were signally defeated.

**Festum Sanctorum MARIA et Filiastri.**—July 19. Du Cange is of opinion, that by Filiaster is intended James, the brother of Christ: "Filiaster pro filio sororis." There is a controversy respecting the descents of Anna and the cousins of Christ—namely, whether James be the brother of our

Lord. Some say, erroneously, that he was the son of Joseph by a former marriage (*Euseb., l. II, c. 1; Epiph. Heres., 78*). Others assert that he was the son of Cleophas, brother of Joseph; hence the "Maria Cleophae" of *Joh. 10*, and the preceding festival, is said to be the sister of the Virgin Mary. Others, again, say that James was the brother of Christ, because he was the son of Mary's sister—by the same mother, but of a different father, namely, Cleophas. See these and more in Casalius, *De Vet. Sacr. Christ. Rit.*, p. 425.

Festum B. MARIE et Omnia Martyrum.—Our Lady and all Martyrs. This festival was celebrated Nov. 1 until about 730, when it was abolished by Gregory, junior, on consecrating a chapel. In its place he ordained the feast of All Saints, which included the Virgin and Martyrs. Menard says that it was introduced into France by Gregory IV in 887 (*Not. ad Sacram. Gallic.*, p. 152); but the French chronologists, in their history of this pope, say that, in 885, he instituted the feast of All Saints, which Louis le Debonnaire caused to be adopted by all the churches in his dependance (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 303). See *All Hallowenmas; Festivitas Omnia Sanctorum*.

Festum B. MARIE Salome.—An ancient festival at Paris, Oct. 22.

Festum S. MARTINI Bullientis, or Bullionis.—The Feast of St. Martin the Boiling, is the name given to the feast of his translation, which is celebrated on the 4th of the hot month of July; it appears to have been applied to this feast in contradistinction to *Festum S. Martini Hiennalis*, Nov. 11. Du Cange names it *Festum S. Martini Bullientis*; and adds, "Vulgo etiamnum S. Martin Bouillant." More anciently, however, the French name was *Saint Martin le Boillant*, as appears from the *Fabliau du Chevalier à Robe Vermeille*.

" En la conté de Dant Martin  
Avint entor la Saint Martin  
Le boillant, que gibiers aproche,  
Uns chevaliers, qui sans reproche  
Vesqui ou pais son a age  
Moult le tenoient cil a sage,  
Qui de lui estoient aconte."

The people of the north of Scotland call July 4, St. Martin of Bullion's Day, respecting which they have a prognostication, noticed in *v. I, p. 322*.

Festum S. MARTINI in Yeme, or Yemalis.—Feast of St. Martin in (*hyeme* or *hyemalis*) Winter, otherwise Martinmas, Nov. 11. In some churches a hymn was sung, in which he was made equal to the apostles: "Martine, par Apostolis."—*Du Cange, t. V, col. 190*.

Festum S. MAURICII, et LXX Discipulorum ipsius Martyrum.—In a Greek MS. in the Bodl. Library, Feb. 21; but it is not to be confounded with Maurice and his Companions, Sept. 22. See MAURITIUS.

Festum Miraculorum.—The Feast of Miracles (see *Feste des Merveilles*). The impudent frauds of the Romish priests have not even the questionable merit of novelty; they are merely the imitators of their pagan prototypes. "These holy impostures (says Dr. Middleton, speaking of miracles) were always multiplied, in proportion to the credulity and disposition of the poor people

to believe them : *Quæ qui magis credebat simplices et religiosi homines, eo plura nunciabantur* (*Liv.*, xxiv, 10). In the war with the Latins, the gods Castor and Pollux were reported to have appeared on white horses in the Roman army, which, by their assistance, gained a complete victory—in the memory of which the general, Posthumus, vowed and built a temple to those deities ; and, for a proof of the fact, there was shewn in Cicero's time the mark of the horses' hoofs on a rock at Regillum, where they first appeared (*Cic. de N. D.*, 3, 5; 2, 2: *de Div.*, 1, 34). Now this miracle, with many others of the same kind (*Cic. de N. D.*, 2, 2; *Plut. in Æmil.*; *Val. Max.*, c. 8, 1; *L. Flor.*, 1, 11, 12), has, I dare say, as authentic an attestation as any which the papists can produce—the decree of a senate to confirm it ; a temple erected in consequence of it ; visible marks of the fact on the spot where it was transacted,—and all this is supported by the concurrent testimony of the best authors of antiquity, among whom, Dion. Halicarn. says (*l. VI*, p. 337) that there were subsisting in his time, at Rome, many evident proofs of its reality, besides a yearly festival, with a solemn sacrifice and procession in honor of it ; yet these stories were but the jest of men of sense, even in the times of heathenism : *Aut si hoc fieri potuisse dicis, doceas oportet, quomodo, nec fabellas aniles preferas* (*Cic.*, *ib.*, 3, 5). The papists, not content with barely copying, seldom fail to improve the old story with some additional forgery of their own. Thus, instead of two persons on white horses, they introduce three, not only on white horses, but at the head of white armies, as in the old History of the Holy Wars by a pretended witness, published by Mabillon, it is solemnly affirmed of St. George, Demetrius and Theodorus. They shew, in several parts of Italy, marks of hands and feet on rocks and stones, effected miraculously by the appearance of some angel or saint on the spot, just as the impression of Hercules' feet was shewn on a stone in Scythia (*Herod.*, *l. IV*, p. 251), exactly resembling the footsteps of a man. They have also many churches and public monuments erected, in testimony of such miracles of saints and angels fighting visibly for them in their battles, which, though as ridiculous as the above, are not yet supported by half as good evidence. There is an altar of marble in St. Peter's, one of the greatest pieces of modern sculpture, representing in figures as large as life the story of Attala, king of the Huns, who, in full march towards Rome with a victorious army, in order to pillage it, was frightened back by the apparition of an angel, in the time of Pope Leo I. The castle and church of St. Angelo have their title from the apparition of an angel over the place, in the time of Gregory the Great. [See *Festa S. MICHAELIS.*]

" The religion of Ceres of Enna was celebrated, according to Cicero, with a wonderful devotion, both public and private, through all Sicily ; for her presence and divinity had been frequently manifested to them by numerous prodigies, and many people had received immediate help from her in their utmost distress. Her image, therefore, in that temple was held in such veneration, that, whenever men beheld it, they fancied themselves beholding either herself, or the figure of her, not made by human hands, but dropt down to them from Heaven. Now if, in the place of Ceres of Enna, we read Our Lady of Loretto, or of Impruneta, or any other miraculous image in Italy, the very same account would suit. They are mere copies of the Dio-

petes Agalma, or image of Diana, dropt from the clouds (*Acts, xix, 35*) on the Palladium of Troy, which fell from Heaven. In one of their churches they shew a picture of the Virgin, which was brought from Heaven with great pomp, and after hanging awhile with great lustre in the air, in sight of all the clergy and people of Rome, was delivered by angels into the hands of Pope John I, who marched out in solemn procession to receive the celestial present. And is not this exactly the same as the old story of Numa, when he issued from his palace with priests and people after him, and with public prayer and solemn devotion received the ancile or heavenly shield, which, in presence of all the people of Rome, was sent down to him, with much the same formality, from the clouds? (*Ov. Fast. 3*). And as that wise prince, for its security, ordered several others to be made so exactly like it that the original could not be distinguished, the Romish priests have taken the hint to form, after the celestial pattern, a number of copies so perfectly resembling each other, as to occasion endless squabbles among themselves about their several pretensions to the divine original."—*Letter from Rome*, where are many very curious proofs of the origin of the most celebrated Popish miracles.

Festum Nātalis (or Nativitatis) Domini.—Dec. 25; the Feast of the Nativity. The last public act of Henry III, in Rymer, is a writ to the sheriff of Somersetsh. and Dorsetsh., 4 Nov., 55 an. regni, commanding him to provide one hundred oxen for the festival, "Natalis Domini," which the king intends to celebrate at Winchester (*Fœder.*, t. I, p. 496). The usage of celebrating three masses on this day is mentioned by Gregory the Great.—*Homil. 8 in Evang.*

Festum Neophytorum.—The feast of the newly-converted, or baptized—a name given to Easter Week by St. Augustine.—*Ep. 119 ad Januar.*

Festum Nivis.—The Feast of Snow (see *Fest. B. M. ad Nives*): "Item in festo Nivis, quod est festum Beata Virginis, et est quarta die Augusti, non fit consistorium."—*Card. Gaietan. Ordinar.*, s. cx; *Mabil.*, p. 383 & 386.

Festum Nominis JESU.—Aug. 7: D. 456. Feast of the Name of Jesus. This festival is retained by the church of England. In 1444, the Faculty of Theology of Paris substituted it for the Circumcision.

Festum Obdormitionis B. Virginis.—Our Lady's Assumption (see *Dormitio*), now celebrated Aug. 15, but formerly Feb. 18, both days having been considered to be correct (see *Depositio S. Mariæ*). The last mention of Mary is in *Acts, ch. 1*. Respecting her death and assumption, there are several conflicting opinions. Some think that Mary did not die: these were the Collyridians, who taught that she was not of human, but of divine nature, and, therefore, immortal like God. On this account they paid divine worship to her, and offered sacrifices to her as to the queen of Heaven, in the 4th century. Others doubt whether she died or not; others say that she died, some in martyrdom, others a natural death. Then they disagree about the time of her obdormition or assumption—Eusebius, in *Chron.*, says A. D. 48; others 24 years after Christ. Some say that she died, and was taken up body and soul into Heaven, Aug. 15. Others allow that she died this day, but maintain that she was assumed Oct. 1, 49 days after her death. Another party place this event only three days after death. Others, again, say it was only her soul that was assumed, while her body remained on the

earth; but others doubt whether her body would remain in any place on earth, or was taken into Heaven. The common opinion, however, is, that she was taken up body and soul; and Hospinian has collected some of the fables relating to the total assumption (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 128<sup>b</sup>, 129). As Feb. 18 seems to have been the day first fixed upon by the church for this festival, we are at once directed to the origin of the whole fiction. The story of the Assumption of the Virgin (whose fabulous history has so often been found, in the course of this work, corresponding with that of the Egyptian Isis, the prototype of Diana, Ceres, Proserpine, Juno, Venus, &c.) is no other than a copy of the rape of Proserpine, which occurred in February. The memory of this event is preserved in Sicily by burning, on the Virgin's Purification, Feb. 2, a pine-tree, near the very spot assigned to the assumption of this deity—much in the way that Ovid describes in the rites of her mother, Ceres :

“ Illic accedit gemmas pro lampade pinus :  
Hinc Cereris sacris nunc quoque teda datur.”  
*Fast., l. IV.*

With respect to the age of the festival in the church, Horolanus makes it begin in 364, under Damasus; but this pope was ordained Oct. 1, 366, and died Dec. 10, 384. Nicephorus says that it was instituted by a decree of the emperor Maurus (*Hist. Eccl.*, l. XVIII, 28). Though the Council of Mayence (not Mentz, as stated under *Assumptio S. M.*), in 813, authoritatively enjoined it, and though this was one of the five councils convened by Charlemagne, it will be found, on reference to the article *Festival*, that this monarch leaves the observance of the festival to the choice of each church. At the beginning of the 9th century, therefore, it was so far from being considered one of the chief festivals, as it is now, that it was a question whether it should be observed or not. Louis, the son of Charlemagne, wishing to gratify the idolatrous Council of Aix-la-Chapelle in 818 or 819, added the Assumption to the catalogue of festivals (*Hospin.*, fo. 129). There were two councils in this city, which were held, not in these years, but 816 and 817 (*Veref. des Dates*, t. III, p. 89). The octave ordered by Leo IV, between 847 and 855, was not universally observed, for in the 12th century Reinhold, bishop of Cologne, instituted it in his diocese. After these difficulties, it at last became the greatest of all festivals.

**Festum Occursus.**—The Feast of the Meeting, Feb. 2 (see *Hypapanti*). Amphilochus, bishop of Iconium, has a sermon on this festival, as also Chrysostom, *Oper.*, t. V, hom. 137; *Ed. Savil.*

**Festum Olivarum.**—The Feast of Olives, Palm Sunday.

**Festum Omnium Animarum.**—Feast of All Souls.

**Festum Omnium Sanctorum.**—Feast of All Saints, more commonly *Festivitas Omn. SS.*

**Festum Omnium Sanctorum et Martyrum.**—This must be the same as the last.

**Festum Ordinationis B. GREGORII.**—The Feast of the Ordination of St. Gregory, Sept. 3. See **GREGORIUS**.

**Festum Orthodoxie.**—The first Sunday in Lent, in memory of the Council of Constantinople, which, in 842, restored image-worship, confirmed the se-

cond Nicene Council, and anathematized Iconoclasts. See *Dominica Orthodoxæ, & Festum Passionis Dominicae Imaginis.*

Festum Ovorum.—Feast of Eggs, Saturday preceding Shrove Tuesday.

Festum Palmarum.—Feast of Palms. See *Palm Sunday.*

Festum Passionis Dominicae Imaginis.—The Feast of the Passion or suffering of our Lord's image, Nov. 9. Sigebert, in his Chronicle, relates under the year 795, that the image of Christ being contumeliously treated by the Jews, in the city of Beryetto, who broke open its side, which poured forth an abundance of blood, so that the infidels, terrified at the miracle, were converted to Christianity, and baptized by the bishop Adeodatus. Hence this festival was appointed to be observed Nov. 9, with not less solemnity than those of the Nativity and Easter. Hospinian demonstrates that the work concerning this passion, attributed to Athanasius, is spurious (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 145); yet the story itself is not more extraordinary than that of a vast multitude of miraculous images in the Roman church. "Of images that shed tears, or sweat, or bleed, there are plenty of stories in heathen writers. Rome, as the describer of it says, abounds with these treasures, or speaking images; but he laments the negligence of their ancestors, in not recording particularly, as they ought, the very words and other circumstances of such conversations. An image of the Virgin here reprimanded Gregory the Great for passing her too carelessly; and in St. Paul's, a crucifix spoke to St. Bridget: *ad sanctum Paulum ubi vidimus ligneum crucifixi imaginem, quem sancta Brighida sibi loquentem audisse perhibetur*" (*Mabil., It. Ital.*, p. 139). Durant mentions another Madonna, which spoke to the sexton in commendation of the piety of one of her votaries: *Imaginem sanctæ Mariæ custodem ecclesiæ allocatum et Alexii singularem pietatem commendasse* (*De Rit.*, l. I, c. 5). And did not the image of Fortuna do the same? It spoke twice in praise of those matrons who had dedicated a temple to her (*Val. Max.*, l. VIII.). There is a church to Mary the Weeper, or a Madonna famous for shedding tears: *s. Mariæ de Panto* [see *Festum Compassionis, Notre Dame de Pitié, &c.*] An image of our Saviour, for some time before the sacking of Rome, wept so heartily, that the good fathers of the monastery were employed in wiping its face with cotton. The statue of Apollo wept for three days and nights successively: *Apollo triduum et tres noctes lacrymavit* (*Liv.*, l. I, c. 43). Another church is built in honor of an image, which bled very plentifully from a blow given to it by a blasphemer. The old idols, too, were full of blood, and all the images of Juno were seen to sweat drops of it: *Signa ad Junonis Sospitæ manavere* (*Liv.*, l. XXIII, c. 31). Ad lucum Feroniae sanguine sudarunt (*Ib.*, l. XXVII, c. 34). Xenophon, though addicted to superstition, speaking of the prodigies which preceded victory to the Thebans at the battle of Leuctra, tells, that some people looked upon them as all forged and contrived by the magistrates to encourage the multitude; and as the originals themselves were but impostures, it is no wonder that the copies appear gross and bungling (*Xenoph.*, *Ellen.* 6).—*Dr. Middleton, Letter from Rome.*

The miracle attending the image, which is the object of this festival, appears to have been suggested by the discovery of a new relic, which was a sponge soaked in the blood of Christ, if the latter did not suggest the mi-

racle; for respecting these matters, which were a source of great pecuniary advantage to the church or monastery that had the fortune to possess a wonder of this kind, there was a great competition among the priests, who sometimes stole the sacred image or relic. It is certain that Leo III, about the same time, went, at the request of Charlemagne, to Mantua, whither the sponge had been brought by Longinus, to verify it—but his decision is unfortunately unknown (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 299). This sponge seems to have been added, for the salvation of the faithful, to the other instruments of the passion (see *Festum Lanceæ et Clavorum*). I shall borrow another extract from Dr. Middleton, and then give a brief chronological account of the proceedings between the image worshippers and image breakers, idolaters and iconoclasts:—In the treasury of Loretto, one part consists, as it did among the heathens, of a wardrobe. For the very idols, as Tertullian observes, used to be dressed out in curious robes of the choicest stuffs and fashion: Cum ipsis etiam idolis induantur prætextæ et trabeæ, &c. (*De Idolat.*, p. 116). I could not but recollect the picture which Homer draws of Queen Hecuba, of Troy, prostrating herself before the miraculous image of Pallas, with a present of the richest and best-wrought gown she was mistress of—

“A gown she chose, the best and noblest far,  
Sparkling with rich embroid'ry like a star.”

*Il.*, 293.

The mention of Loretto reminds me of the surprise I was in at the first sight of the holy image, for its face is as black as a Negress, so that one would take it rather for the representation of a Proserpine, or infernal deity, than what they impiously style it—the Queen of Heaven [she was empress of hell also: see *Candemæs*, p. 40]. But I soon recollect, that this very circumstance of its complexion made it but resemble the more exactly the old idols of paganism, which, in sacred as well as in profane writers, are described to be black with the perpetual smoke of lamps and incense (*Ba-ruch*, 6, 19, 21; *Arnob.*, l. VI). Should they squabble with us about the word *idol*, Jerome has defined that they are the images of the dead: *Idola intelligimus imagines mortuorum* (*Hier. Com. in Isa.*, c. 37); and the worshippers of such images are used always, in the style of the fathers, as terms synonymous and equivalent to heathens and pagans: *Innumeri sunt in Græci nationibus, qui se in discipulatum Christi tradiderunt, non sine ingenti odio eorum qui simulachra venerantur* (*Pampili Apol. pro Orig.*; *Hieron.*, *Oper.*, t. V, p. 233). As to the practice itself, it was condemned by many of the wisest heathens, and for several ages, even in pagan Rome, was thought impious and detestable. For Numa prohibited it to the old Romans, nor would suffer any images in their temples, which constitution, says Plutarch, they observed religiously (*Vit. Num.*, p. 65 c) for the first 170 years of the city. But, as image worship was thought abominable by some pagan princes, so, by some Christian emperors, it was forbidden on pain of death: *Pense capit is subjugari præcipimus, quia similechra constituerit* (*Gothof. Comment. de Statu Pagan. sub Christian. Imperatorib.* *Leg.* 6, p. 7); not because those images were the representations of demons or false gods, but because they were vain, senseless idols, the work of men's

hands, and for that reason unworthy of any honor. And all the instances and overt acts of such worship, described and condemned by them, are exactly the same with what the papists practise at this day—lighting up candles, burning incense, hanging up garlands, &c., as may be seen in the law of Theodosius before-mentioned, which confiscates that house or land where any such acts of Gentile superstition had been committed : In nulla urbe sensu parentibus simulachris vel accendat lumina, imponat thura, certa suspendat.—Si quis vero mortali opere facta, &c. (*I. XII, p. 15*). Those princes who were influeaced, we may suppose, in their constitutions of this sort by the advice of their bishops, did not think paganism abolished till the adoration of images was utterly extirpated, which was reckoned always the principal of those Gentile rites that, agreeable to the purest ages of Christianity, are never mentioned in the imperial laws without the epithets of profane, damnable, impious, &c. (*Leg. 17, 20*).”—*Lett. from Rome*.

The Eliberitan Council, which is variously placed in the years 205, 300, 305, 313, and 324, or later, but which the French chronologists fix towards 300 (*Verif. des Dates, t. II, p. 266*), denounced pictures upon the walls of churches, and particularly painting and worshipping them : “ Placuit picturas in ecclesia esse non debere ; nec quod colitur aut adoratur in parietibus depingatur” (*can. 36*). Casalius quotes this canon, and very weakly, if not ridiculously, sets up as an answer to it, that this was not a general council, sanctioned by the apostolical see ; as if the fact that this council had condemned idolatry, depended upon the approbation of the priests at Rome—or as if the absence of their approbation proved any thing more, than that at this period there was a schism in the church, and that the tendency of Rome to the ancient paganism was now become obstinate (*De Vet. Sacr. Christ. Ritibus, c.2, p. 14*). Cedrenus mentions that the emperor Anastasius, out of hatred to image worship, ordered a painter to depict several monstrous figures, the exhibition of which excited a sedition among the superstitious multitude. Gregory the Great, about 601, as quoted by Polydore Vergil, reproved Serenus, bishop of Marseilles, for having destroyed images, praising him, at the same time, for his prohibition of their worship (*De Invent., l. VI, c. 13, p. 400*) ; and he decreed that they ought neither to be worshipped nor defaced.—*Decr., l. IX, c. 9*.

In 707 St. Egwin, bishop of Worcester, pretended that the Virgin Mary had commanded him to place her image in the church, in order that it might be worshipped by the people (*Spelm. Concil., t. I, p. 208*). A great controversy arose respecting this falsehood, and the Council of London, in 712, condemned image-worship as a diabolical idolatry (*Ib., p. 216*). Of this council, no notice is taken in the Chronological History of Councils, in the French Art of verifying Dates. Under Gregory II, about 715, image-worship made some progress in Britain ; and Bale mentions a council of London in this year, to decry the marriage of priests and to establish idolatry. Spelman says that it was not finally received here before the second Nicene Council, in 792 (*Ib., p. 218*) ; but this Council was held in 787, according to the French chronologists (*t. II, p. 32*). Supposing the latter to be correct, there are innumerable errors respecting the dates of councils and popes in the writers between them and the Reformation.

The emperor Leo, more fully impressed with the truth of Christianity than

the pope last named, commanded the destruction of images throughout his dominions (*Cedrenus*) ; and Gregory, in 729, addressed to him two dogmatical letters on the worship of the holy images—“ sur le Culte des Saintes Images,” which caused only irritation (*L'Art, &c., t. III, p. 290*). In 730, the Council of Constantinople issued a decree against image-worship, and Gregory, in the same year, excommunicated the emperor Anastasius for his opposition to idolatry.

In 731, Gregory III held the Council of Rome 1 against the priest Georges, who, having been charged with a letter from this pope to the emperors Anastasius and Constantine, to engage them to desist from their hostility against the “ holy images,” returned without accomplishing the object of his mission. Georges, being again sent, was arrested and imprisoned a year in Sicily.—(*L'Art, &c., t. II, p. 25.*)

The 7th General Council of Constantinople, at which, in 754, no fewer than three hundred and thirty-eight bishops assisted, issued a long decree, consisting of several canons and anathemas, against idolatry. Those canons which regard the Trinity and the Incarnation, say the French chronologists, are catholic—but they add several others, against the images of Jesus Christ and the saints (*Ib., p. 29*), and, therefore, they mark this Council with an asterisk, to denote that it is not to be considered authentic. The date of this council is remarkable: “ Regnante una et eadem Trinitate,” without mentioning the years of the emperors.—(*Ib., p. 31.*)

The 2nd Council of Nice, in 787, anathematized not only image-breakers, but those who quoted sentences from the sacred writings concerning idols, against worshipping images, and those who should call the images that were to be worshipped, idols: “ Nos venerandas imagines suscipimus, nos qui secus faxint anathemate percellimus. Quicunque sententias sacrae scripture de idolis contra venerandas imagines adducunt, Anathema. Qui venerandas imagines Idola appellabant, Anathema” (*Anathematism., t. III, act. 7, ap. Casal, c. II, p. 14*). This decree of the idolatrous priests assembled at Nice is a notable authority of the Romanists at the present day; but it highly disgusted the French clergy, by whom it was attacked in the celebrated Caroline Books, which were so called because supposed to have been written under the direction of Charlemagne. Adrian I attempted to answer them, but was unable to remove the disgust of the French prelates, as afterwards appeared in the great Council of Frankfort.

This council assembled in 794, and passed 56 canons, in the second of which they say, that—the question of the new Greek Council is proposed, respecting the worship of images, where it is written, that “ Whosoever will not render to the images of saints the same service and adoration as the Trinity, shall be judged anathematized.” The Fathers of the Council have rejected and absolutely condemned this adoration and service, and have condemned it unanimously.

In 814, a Council was held at Constantinople by the patriarch Nicephorus, in support of idolatry; but the emperor Leo assembled a still greater body of clergy, by whom it was absolutely condemned—the pictures in churches were effaced with lime, and the vessels and ornaments used in idolatrous adoration were broken and destroyed. A previous Council, in the same year, had deposed the patriarch.

The emperor, Michael the Stammerer, with a view to restore peace to the church, summoned the two parties to a conference at Constantinople, in 821. The image-worshippers held a council among themselves immediately after their arrival, in which they resolved that they ought not to hold consultation with heretics—a common, but neither ingenious nor glorious, method of escaping from a contest, to engage in which the party is conscious that he is unsupported by reason or divine authority. Eight years afterwards, another council was held in this city against “holy images.”

Meanwhile (in 825), the Council of Paris 7 approved the censure passed on the breakers of images by Pope Adrian, but blamed that pontiff for having ordered them to be superstitiously adored. This was immediately followed by the Council of Aix-la-Chapelle; but the result of the negotiations between the French bishops and the pope is unknown. It is certain, however, that for some time after these councils, the bishops maintained that images were neither to be broken nor adored; and that they refused to receive the Council of Nice, or submit to the authority of the popes by whom it had been approved.

In 861, a decree was issued by the Council of Constantinople in confirmation of idolatry, which continued uninterrupted until it was publicly denounced by Zuinglius, in 1516; and was vainly attempted to be restored, in all the deformity in which it passed through the dark ages, by the Council of Trent in 1545. The catechism of this council quotes only a part of the commandment against idolatry, omitting the words, “thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them,” after the prohibition to make graven images. In the fourth chapter, on the precepts of the decalogue, it is impudently pretended, that this plain and positive commandment does not forbid the use of images! The authors of this catechism, finding that the images of cherubim and the brazen serpent had been made by the command of God himself (which was delivered to accomplish a particular end), make the exception the rule of their practice (*Catech. ex Decreto Conc. Trident., p. 328; Colon., 1572*). Dr. Wiseman and other authors fancy they defend this practice, by referring to the memorials of great men which protestants sometimes preserve—as the chair and desk of Wickliffe, in the church of Lutterworth. “Wherefore are they kept? (he asks), they are relics; precisely what the [Roman] Catholic means by relics” (*Lectures on Principal Doctrines, &c., l. 13*). This is not to be denied; but the Protestant does not worship them, or the pictures of the Apostles, which sometimes decorate his windows. In his Letter to John Poynier, Esq., this otherwise accomplished writer has the astonishing weakness to refer to the sign-boards over the doors of alehouses, which are placed there at the whim of the tradesman, and used for no other purpose than to mark the description of goods in which he deals.

**Festum Passionis PETRI.**—The Passion of Peter, occurs in the book of Arator, subdeacon of Rochester in the reign of Richard I: “Ipso die qua fidelibus Passio Petri celebratur. Paulus decollatus est” (*Text. Roffens., Appendix., p. 389*). It is, therefore, the same as the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, June 29.

**Festum Patefactionis CHRISTI in Monte Thabor.**—The Feast of the Manifestation or Appearance of Christ on Mount Thabor, Aug. 6, was instituted

by Callistus III in 1457, in memory of the victory over the Turks at the siege of Belgrade (*M. Dresser, de Festib. Dieb.*, p. 144). The more usual name is *Festum Transfigurationis IESU CHRISTI*.

**Festum S. PETRI Cathedrae**, apud Antioch.—See *Fest. S. PETRI Epularum*.  
**Festum S. PETRI Cathedrae**, apud Romam.—It is now universally allowed, that this festival was intended by some churches to remove the memory of the connexion of St. Peter's Chair with a heathen rite (see *Cathedra S. PETRI*). As the heretics denied that St. Peter ever was at Rome, Paul IV instituted the feast of this apostle's chair at Rome in 1558, and fixed it for celebration on Jan. 18—a very rational mode of attempting to determine a disputed fact (*L'Art de verif. les Dates*, t. III, p. 426). Hospinian, however, says that he merely restored this feast about 1558, and that it had been anciently observed in the church.—*De Festis Christ.*, fo. 48 b.

**Festum S. PETRI Epularum**, ad Epublas, de Epublis, &c.—The Feast of St. Peter's banquets, Feb. 23, is a remarkable example of the memory of pagan rites preserved in the name of a Christian solemnity. In the *Kalendarium Rusticum* (Gruter, p. 198), the *Lupercalia*, *Cara Cognatio*, and *Terminalia*, occur under the month of February; and the *Kalendarium* published by Bucherius has the festivals in the following order:—

xv Kal. Mart.	Lupercalia	[Feb. 15]
ix Kal. Mart.	Feralia	[Feb. 21]
viii Kal. Mart.	Caristia	[Feb. 22]
vii Kal. Mart.	Terminalia	[Feb. 23]

A third kalendar, published by Herwart, has “viii Kal. Mart., Caristia,” so that the *Caristia* and *Cara Cognatio* are identical. Of the origin of this festival, the following is the account received in the Romish church. It was a custom of the ancient heathens, annually observed on a certain day in February, to bring victuals to the tombs of their deceased friends and relations, for the refreshment of their ghosts, which, however, were devoured by devils in the night. The heathens, not less foolishly than ridiculously, believed that this food was consumed by the ghosts, who, according to their notions, eat it while wandering about the tombs. This custom, and the error on which it was founded, the Christians found much difficulty in extirpating. At last, it occurred to some holy men to institute the Feast of St. Peter's Chair, both that which he had at Antioch, and that which he had at Rome; and thus they entirely abolished the heathen abomination: hence it is that this feast is called F. B. Petri Epularum. Such is the substance of the account given by Belethus, as quoted in Durand's work on Divine Offices. The Synod of Tours, in 567 (not 570, as Hospinian has it), decreed that, whereas there are persons who offer food to the dead on the feast of St. Peter's Chair, and on returning home after mass relapse into their pagan errors, and, after our Lord's body, receive food that is consecrated to devils, We protest, both as pastors and priests, to take care that whosoever shall appear to persist in this fatuity, or to perpetrate rites unknown to the church at rocks, or trees, or wells, the marked places of the heathens, shall be expelled from the church; nor shall they who observe heathen usages participate at the altar.—*Can. 22, Capit. Caroli Magni*, l. VI, c. 194.

Festum Presentationis.—Feb. 2. The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is said to be the most ancient name of the purification of St. Mary; and certainly the kalendar G, p. 399, alludes only to this appellation—and the Dano-Saxon Menology mentions the presentation, as the reason for celebrating the Virgin's feast :

Anð þær embe aue niht.  
þ re Majian.  
mærran healðað.  
Cyninger morðon.  
þorðan heo Cnigrt.  
on þam ðæge.  
beagn peal'denðer.  
bnohte to temple.

And one night after this  
is celebrated  
the mass of Mary,  
mother of our king,  
because she Christ  
son of the ruler,  
on this day  
brought into the temple.

*Cott. MS., Tib. B. I, fo. 110.*

Festum Primitiarum —Feast of First Fruits, Aug. 1. An old translation of hlaþ mæsse. See *Lammas Day*.

Festum Principis Apostolorum.—The Feast of the Prince of the Apostles, is the same as St. Peter's Chains. He is so styled in the Saxon Kal., *Jul. A. X.*, under May 31, the day of St. Petronella, who þær rice Petneſt dohtron þana apostola alþoneſ—[was the daughter of St. Peter, elder of the apostles]. “Festivitas principis apostolorum, quæ dicitur ad vincula.”—*Gul. Neubrig. Hist.*, l. V, c. 3.

Festum Puerorum.—See *DANIEL and 3 Boys*.

Festum Relevationis S. STEPHANI.—Feast of the raising of St. Stephen, commemorates the invention or finding of his relics, and is celebrated August 3.

Festum Reliquiarum.—The Feast of Relics, is a moveable festival, celebrated the first Sunday after the translation of St. Thomas the martyr, July 7, according to the rule in the Portiforium Sarisburicense, 1528. The worship of relics is said to be due to Ambrose of Milan, at the latter end of the 4th century, in consequence of his finding the remains of Gervasius and Protasius—

“Quosque suo Deus Ambrosio post longa revelat  
Secula Protasium cum pare Gervasium.”

*S. Ambrosii Vita; Epist. 14 ad Marcellinam, &c. See Relic Sunday.*

It is to be observed that almost every province and city had its peculiar feast of reliques; at Halberstadt it was the day after the Assumption—and at Erfurt, the week of Easter was the week of reliques.—*Haitaus, Cal. Med. Ævi*, p. 92.

Festum Rosarii S. MARIE.—Feast of St. Mary's Rosary. There are extant letters of Gregory XIII, under the fisherman's ring, dated 1st April 1573, in which he declares the first Sunday in October to be perpetually consecrated, in commemoration of the victory obtained over the Turks, Oct. 7, 1571, which was the first Sunday in October this year. Thanks, he says, are to be returned to God, and to the blessed Mary, the mother of God, and a double office to be recited to the Virgin, in those churches in which there is an altar of the Rosary (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ., fo. 189 b.*) It was this

pope who, in the year preceding this institution, went, attended by all the cardinals, to the churches of St. Mark and St. Louis, and returned thanks to God for the horrid massacre of 70,000 French protestants on St. Bartholomew's Day, and who on a medal which he ordered to be struck in commemoration of the sanguinary deed, expressed his approbation of the murder of the brave Coligny, by the legend—"Pontifex Colignii necem probat" (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 431). The festival is celebrated in England under the name of "The Rosary of the B. V. Mary"—and in Rome under that of "La Madonna del Rosario." The Rosary is a string of beads, on which the Pater Noster and Ave Maria are repeated by the devotee; and hence it was formerly called "Psalterium Divæ Mariæ Virginis"—[the Psalter of the goddess Mary, the virgin]. It is said to have been invented by Peter the Hermit (*Pol. Verg.*, l. V, c. 9, p. 321), about 1090 or 1095. Baronius says that these beads were so highly esteemed, that they were made not only of wood, but amber, coral, silver and gold, which women wore as ornaments, and hypocrites as instruments of false devotion. Dibdin prints the following from an English work of 1483, called *Liber Festivalis*: "The bedes on the Sonday.—Ye shall kneel down on your kpees, and lift up your hearts making your prayers unto almighty God for the good state and peace of all holy church, that God maintain save and keep it."—*Typogr. Antiq.*, v. I, p. 177.

Festum S. ROTRUDIS.—This date occurs in two charters in the Chronicle of St. Andrews: "Actum anno verbi Incarnati, 1221, in die festo Sanctæ Rotrudis virginis." "Annuatim persolvere in festo S. Rotrudis decem solidos," A. D. 1222 (*Dacher. Spicil.*, t. II, p. 860-62; *ed. fol.*) The name may be Ortrudis (June 27) by transposition, or Gertrudis (March 17) by mistake.

Festum Sacrasancti Sacramenti.—The Feast of the Sacrament, meaning the mass on Corpus Christi Day. See *Festum Corporis et Sanguinis CHRISTI*.

Festum Sanctificationis Deiparæ.—The Feast of the Sanctification of the Mother of God, was changed to the Nativity of the Virgin, Sept. 8.

Festum Sancti Regis.—The Feast of the Holy King, commemorates King Stephen of Hungary, Sept. 2.

Festum Sancti Spiritus.—The Feast of the Holy Ghost, a name of Pentecost, occurs twice in a charter, in Goldasti's German charters: "In die festo S. Spiritus," and "In die dominico S. Spiritus" (*Caseneuve, Origines de la Langue Françoise*, p. 48). Augustin gives this name to Pentecost, but with more regard to declension—"Festum Spiritui Sancti."—*Hildebrand. de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 89.

Festum Sanctissimi Sacramenti.—The same as *Festum Sacrasancti Sacramenti*, and *Corpus Christi Day*. Casalius says that the office, with its hymn and prose, was sent to Urban VI by Thomas Aquinas, and that the procession of the host began in the hundredth year after the institution of the festival (*De Vet. Sacr. Christ. Ritib.*, c. 60, p. 237), which that pope named *Festum Corporis et Sanguinis Christi*, in honor, not of the mass or the host, but in commemoration of a pretended revelation.

Festum Sanctorum Regum.—The Feast of the Holy Kings. See *Festum Magorum and Epiphany*.

Festum Sanguinis CHRISTI.—The Feast of Christ's Blood, is apparently the

same as the *Festum Passionis Dominicae Imaginis*. Bale says that Leo III, in 795, approved of the imposture, and confirmed by his bulls the red fluid which issued from the wounded side of Christ's image, for the true blood of our Lord himself—*Cent. Script. 2, Vit. Leonis; Hospin. de Fest. Christ., fo. 163 b.*

**Festum Septem Dolorum B. MARIE.**—The Feast of the seven Sorrows of St. Mary.—See *Festum Compassionis*.

**Festum Septem Dormientium.**—The Feast of the seven Sleepers. See *Sep-tem Dormientes*.

**Festum Septem Fratrum Martyrum.**—The Feast of the seven Brethren, July 7 in a kalendar of Metz [see *Septem Fratres*]. The battle of Northampton was fought July 19, 1460—on this festival, according to some verses in the Monasticon :

“ Anno milleno quater C. X. quoque seno,  
Festo septem Fratrum Northampton dat tibi bellum  
Prato sanctarum mœnia juxta monacharum.”

*Mon. Angl., t. II, addit. p. 939.*

**Festum Septuaginta Duorum Christi Discipulorum.**—The Feast of Christ's 72 Disciples, Jan. 4 in the Greek church and French martyrologies ; but it seems to be the same festival as the *Festum Divisionis Apostolorum*, without the number “ **xii.** ”

**Festum S. SIMEONIS.**—Feb. 2. See *Hypapanti*.

**Festum Spiritui Sancti.**—See *Festum S. Spiritus*.

**Festum Stultorum.**—The Feast of Fools. See *v. I, p. 140, &c.*

**Festum S. SULPINI.**—The epitaph on Lady Jane Molineux says that she died “ in festo Sc<sup>d</sup> Sulpini, 1439 ” (*Lodge, Irish Peerage, v. II, p. 386*). It should probably be **SULPICIUS**.

**Festum Transfigurationis JESU.**—The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus, Aug. 6, instituted in 1457 by a bull of Callistus III, by which it was made universal in the church (*Verif. des Dates, t. III, p. 406*). It is also called *Festum Patefactionis, &c.* From the hymns of Damascenus and Cosmas, composed to sing on this festival, it appears that the Transfiguration was celebrated in 700. Bede mentions it as the “ *Festum Transfigurationis Domini* (*Oper., t. VII, p. 168*) ; but from Potho, it appears that it was not observed in all churches in 1150. The object was the Transfiguration of our Lord, which took place in Spring, and not Aug. 6 ; but on this day it was manifested, declared and preached, by the apostles who were with Christ on Mount Thabor (*Durand. de Rat. Div. Off., l. VII, c. 22*). Callistus, or Calixtus, III appropriated it to commemorate the victory of the Hungarians over the Turks, whom, with prodigious slaughter, they forced to raise the siege of Alba Regalis, or Belgrade (*Casal. de Veter. Sacr. Christ. Ritib., p. 422*). On this day the pope converts new wine, if it can be procured, into the blood of Christ, or squeezes a little out of a bunch of ripe grapes : raisins are also consecrated, and people communicate in several places. Calixtus composed the office for it, desiring it to be celebrated with the same indulgences as Corpus Christi Day, and that at noon a bell should be rung in salutation of the Virgin.—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ., fo. 126 b.*

**Festum Translationis JESU.**—Apparently a mistake for the Transfiguration,

held on the same day, Aug. 6. It occurs in the will of Thomas Rotherham, archbp. of York in 1498, contained in the Black Book of the Exchequer: "Sexto die mensis Augusti in festo Translacionis Ihesu, et festo ejusdem nominis," &c. (*Verif. des Dates*, t. II.) The error, if it be one, seems to be ancient, for Hearne, the editor of this Exchequer Book, says that had he not found "Translacionis" in the Cambridge MS.—he would have substituted "Transfigurationis." From the remainder of the passage, we learn that the prelate, with the consent of his clergy, had ordained the Transfiguration, and the feast of the Name of Jesus, to be perpetually celebrated in his province: "quae festa," he continues, "in provincia mea, cleri mei assensu pro perpetuo statui celebranda, A. D. 1498 condo testamentum meum."—*Lib. Nigr. Scaccar.*, p. 667.

**Festum S. TRINITATIS.**—The Feast of the Holy Trinity, is by some ascribed to Pelagius, in 578; but Durandus affirms that Gregory IV, in 834, instituted festivals in honor, not only of the apostles and martyrs, but of the holy Trinity and angels (*De Rat. Div. Off.*, l. VII, c. 34; *Hildebr. de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 92; *Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 87 b.) Potho, who lived in 1152, and is quoted by the two last authors, wonders at the introduction of new festivals, and asks—Are we wiser and more devout than our fathers? What, then, is the reason that these feasts—the Transfiguration and the Trinity—are imposed upon us? (*Poth. de Statu Domus Dei*, l. III.) Not long afterwards, Alexander III received the Trinity among the festivals of the church: after the 12th century it began to be celebrated at Rome. It is an appendix to the feast of Pentecost (*Hildebr.*, p. 93), and those who celebrate it are reprehended by Micrologus (*De Obs. Ecol.*, c. 6; *Hospin.*, ib.) The French chronologists observe that there were two feasts of the Trinity—one, the first Sunday after Pentecost (which we call Trinity Sunday), and the other the last Sunday after Pentecost, of which Sunday, as consecrated to the Trinity, neither Haltaus nor Du Cange take any notice.

**Festum trium Lectionum.**—A Feast of three lessons, "III lec." (*tres lectiones*), after a festival in kalendars, denotes that it was honoured with three anthems or three lessons. There were also festivals of nine and of twelve lessons.

**Festum trium Puerorum.**—Feast of the three Boys. See DANIEL & *three Boys*.

**Festum trium Regum.**—The Feast of the three Kings [of Cologne], a name of the Epiphany, is of frequent use as a date on the Continent, particularly in Germany: "Datum anno domini 1422. Dat is der hilgen dryer Konnige dage" (*Baring., Clav. Diplomat.*, p. 527).

**Festum Valettorum.**—The Pages' or Domestics' Festival—among the French, "La fête aux Varlés." Sunday after the day of St. Dennis.

**Festum Virginis, or B. MARIE DE O.**—The Feast of our Lady of the O, is a name, in the Mozarabic Ritual, of the feast called the Expectation of our Lady's Delivery, which was celebrated in Spain eight days before Christmas (see *Expectatio B. MARIE*). The selection of the anthem for the day, called the O-series of Advent, from the repetition of the interjection "O," is a puerile allusion to the exclamations of a woman in labour. Indecent as the allusion most unquestionably is, the O is still the name, in Spain and VOL. II.

France, of the Annunciation, to which the puerperal commemoration was transferred. From the title of a chapter "on making the O," in the statute of St. Paul's, it would appear as if, formerly, much stress was laid upon this absurdity in the choirs. See *Oleries*.

**Festum Visitationis S. MARIE.**—The Festival of Our Lady's Visitation, was originally instituted by Buonaventura in 1263, at a general chapter in Pisa, to commemorate her visit to the mother of St. John the Baptist, in the mountains of Judea, and ordained to be observed in all the churches of the order of St. Francis. As a general festival of the church, it is the most recent of those of which Mariolatry, or the worship of Mary, is the object, and it owes its existence to one of the multitude of disgraceful schisms respecting the choice of a pope, which convert into a reproachful jest the impudent pretensions of the church to an uninterrupted succession of pontiffs. On the death of Gregory XI, March 27, 1378, the Romans, apprehending that if a Frenchman were elected, he would remove the see to Avignon, compelled the Italian cardinals to choose one of their own countrymen, the mob exclaiming—"Volemo un Papa, Romano, o vero Italiano," and threatening to fire the conclave. This party elected Urban VI on 9th April, 1378. The French, on the other hand, chose Clement VII on 2d September, 1378; and though—

"Divided sway, the God who reigns alone abhors,"

the two popes reigned, the first until 18th Oct., 1389, and the second until 16th September, 1394; but the schism itself did not expire until the abdication, on 24th Aug., 1429, of Giles Magamis, who had assumed the name of Clement VIII. With a view to compose the dissensions of the church, Urban, by a bull dated April 11th, 1389, reduced the jubilee to 33 years, instituted the festival of the Visitation, and ordained that, at the feast of the Sacrament (see *Festum Sacrosancti Sacramenti*), divine service might be performed notwithstanding an interdict; and granted a pardon of 100 days to such as should accompany the host to the sick, and return with that idol (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 395). This bull, which was not published till the following year, was confirmed by Boniface IX in 1400; but the festival was not generally received until 1431, when the Council of Basil ordained that the Visitation of our Lady should be celebrated in all Christian churches (*Sess. 43*). Hermann Wittikind dates this council in 1432, and Dresser 1441—but 1431 is the date in the *Art de verifier les Dates*.—*Moreri*; *Platin.*, *Vit. Urb.*; *Hildebrand de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 96; *Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fa. 115 b; *Casal. de Veter. Sacris Christ. Ritibus*, &c.

**Festum Visitationis Occisorum.**—The Visitation of the Slain, instituted by Alexander IV, to be celebrated June 2, in commemoration of the faithful who were slaughtered by the Sindomirian Tartars on the Eastern shores of the Euxine. The full name of the festival is "Festum Visitationis Occisorum a Tartaris Sindomiriae."—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 17 b.

**Festum S. YLLARIL.**—The Feast of St. Hillary, in *Rot. Curiæ Regis* (*temp. Joh.*), p. 154. See *HILARIUS*.

**Festum Ypantes, Yppopantes.**—See *Hypapanti*.

**FESTUS Sociusque.**—Festus and his Companions, Sept. 19: G. 414. Bishop Janaarius, and Festus, Zosius and Proculeius, his deacons, were martyred

at Puteola, now Puzzoala, on this day, in the reign of Dioclesian.—*Petr. de Natalib.*, l. VIII, c. 93.

Fête Dieu.—God's Feast; to wit, the Lord's Supper—Thursday before Easter. See *Festum Dominicæ Cœnae*.

Fête des O.—The Annunciation [see *Festum Expectationis B. MARIE*]. In *Offic. Mozarab.*, it is the “Festum B. Marie de O.”

Fêtes des Rois.—See *Festum trium Regum*. Under this name, the Epiphany was declared to be anti-civic during the revolution in 1792, and it was ordered to be henceforth called “La Fête des Sans-enlottes”—the Sans-lottes' Festival.

Feuerer, Feuerzer, Feverer—February, in old English and French: “Sic et nosstrates Feuerer pro Feberer vocabant” (*Hearne, in Praefat. ad Gul. Neu-brig.*, p. 32)—

“In Feverer upon St. Valentines Day.”

*Chaucer (Southey's Poets)*, p. 53.

“Feuerzer” (*Paston Letters*, v. I, p. 152). Hearne, in the preface above-mentioned, quotes a curious imprint:—

“At Westmestre of feuerer the xx daye  
And of King Edward the xvii yere vraye.

“Emprented by CAXTON  
In feuerer the cold season.”

Feyth Daye.—Oct. 6: “Wretyn on seynt Feyth daye in hast” (*Paston Lett.*, v. III, p. 160). See FAITH; FIDES.

Feythys Euyn.—Oct. 5, the day before St. Faith's Day.—*Past. Lett.*, v. IV, p. 416.

Feyrzer.—February. In the date of a letter in the beginning of the 15th century—“Wretyn at Conwer, the xxvii day of Feyrzer.”—*Ellis, Original Letters*, v. I, p. 31.

FIDES, Virgin & Martyr.—Oct. 6: E. 458; L. 470. This saint, under the translated name of Faith, is retained in the Common Prayer Book. The kalendar, V. 431, joins her to Marcus. She was martyred about 287. The Marcus, or Mark, is probably the person mentioned as a sufferer with Marcellus and Adrian, “3 id. Oct.” (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult., n. 287). “I praye yow fayle not to be at London w<sup>t</sup>in iiii dayes after St. Feythe” (*Paston Lett.*, v. II, p. 84). Besides this Fides, there was another, who, with her sisters Speus and Charitas (Hope & Charity), were martyred on Aug. 1, under Adrian.

Filius Prodigus.—See *Dominica Asoti*.

FINTAN.—Feb. 17: G. 399. This appears to be an abbot, who died Sept. 10, 661, and who is sometimes called Finan. The day of abbot Fintan is Oct. 21.

Firmationis Tempus.—The doe season, as opposed to the buck season.

FIRMINUS, Bp. & Mart.—Sept. 25. “vii Kal. Oct. Natalis Sancti Firmini episcopi” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). He was bishop of Amiens, 287. There was another bishop of the same place, Firminus II, Sept. 1, a bishop of Uzez, 553, Oct. 2, and a bishop of Meade, Jan. 14.

FLAVIAN.—Jan. 30: G. 398. He was martyred on this day (*Petr. de Nat.*,

*l. XI, c. ult., n. 42).* There was another martyr of the same name, Jan. 29.  
*—Ib., l. III, c. 41.*

**Flora Day.**—An ancient annual festival in Cornwall, May 10, much resembling the autumnal feasts of Yorkshire and the wakes of Lancashire, except that the latter are connected with the *Dedicoations*.

**FLORENTIUS & PEREGRINUS.**—May 16: G. 405. Florence was a bishop, whose day was May 2, according to Petr. de Natal. (*l. IV, c. 116*). See **PEREGRINUS**.

**FLORENTIUS.**—July 15: G. 409. He suffered with Catilinus, Januarius, Julia and Justa, at Carthage, “*id. Julii*” (*Petr. de Natal., l. VI, c. 103*). There were—1, Dec. 30: G. 420—2, an abbot, also called Flann, Dec. 15—and another abbot of the 5th cent., Sept. 22.

**Foci.** Fire-hearths, or per meton. fires; the same as *Brandones* in a charter of Guy, abbot of St. Germaine, 1296: “*Die Sabbati ante Focos*”—i. e. ante *Brandones*.—*Du Cange*.

**Folium.**—A Leaf, put for *annus* in charters of the 13th century.—*Du Cange*.

**Les Fons Benis.**—Saturday before Easter, in a contract dated “*5 d'Avril, 1539, après les fons bénis*” (*Verif. des Dates, t. I, p. 14*). See *Benediction des Fons*.

**Fountanæ.**—See *Dominica de Fontanis*.

**Forensis.**—*Feria.* Some charters in Ludwig are found dated—“*Forensi iii, Forensi v.*”—*Reliq. MSS., t. I, p. 147, 154*.

**Forth Day.**—See *Ferre Days*.

**Franciscani Septem.**—The name of a festival instituted by Leo X, in commemoration of seven Franciscans who were slain by the Saracens, in 1221.—*Hosp. de Fest. Christ., fo. 17 b.*

**FRANCIS, FRANCISCUS, Conf.**—Oct. 4: an interpolation in E. 458. This was Francis d'Assise, the founder of the Minorites, who died Oct. 4, 1226, and was canonized by Gregory IX, July 16, 1228. Others of this name—F. de Paula, founder of the Minions in 1508, April 2—F. d'Estain, 1529, Nov. 1—F. Xavier, cardinal, 1552, Dec. 2—F. de Sales, bishop of Geneva, 1622, Jan. 29.

**Fratres Septem.**—See *Passio Septem Fratrum*.

**Fratrum Natalia.**—June 27. G. 408. The brothers to whom this festival refers were Paul and John, martyred in 363.

**FRAUNCES' Day.**—Oct. 4 [see **FRANCIS**]: “*Wreten at your poer place of Bayfeld on Sent Fraunces day in hast.*”—*Paston Letters, v. I, p. 22*.

**Friday.**—Whitaker supposes this day to have received its name from the verb *fire*, which, in one acceptation of the word, he says, is pronounced *frie* to this day, and that such transposition of the letters *r* and *i* are very frequent in the Saxon language. “And this Frie of the Germans was denominated anciently Freyer in Norway” (*Hist. Manch., v. II, p. 358*). The heathens, says Ælfric, appointed the sixth day to the shameless goddess called Venus, and Fryg in Danish: *jone rixtan þæg hi gererton. þæna rcamleasan gýðenan uenur gehaten. ȝ frýdg on þenige* (*Cott. MSS., Jul. E. VII, fo. 238 b.*) The name of this day is taken from either this goddess or Freya. In the Edda, Frygga is the wife of Odin, and goddess of fecundity: “*Enn Frygg err kona, veit, hun og all Orlog Manna, thott hun seige ecke spaar*”—[This his wife is Frygga, by whom the fates of all men are

seen and foretold (*Dæms.* 18). Freya the wife of Odur, the third of the Asse (*Dæms.* 30), was very beautiful, and possessed the city called Folkvangu, or the concourse of people (*Dæms.* 23) : so that each of these corresponded in qualities to Venus. The popular superstition relating to dreams on Friday (v. I, p. 209) is of very old standing, and not confined to the English. See *Veneres*.

**FRIDESWIDA, FRITHESWITHA,** Virg.—Oct. 19: V. 431; E. 458. She was patroness of Oxford, which was her native city :

“ Seint Frideswithe was here of Englondie,  
At Oxenforde heo was ibore, as ich unþ'stonde,  
About seuen hondreþ ger & seuen & tuenti riȝt  
After þt gode was an erde in his moþr alligt.”

*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX, fo. 271 b.*

John of Tinemouth says that she died in 735: “ Anno 735. Frideswida Virgo hoc tempore obiit” (*Dugd. Monast. Angl.*, t. II, p. 143). “ Her reliques were mingled with the bones of Peter Martyr’s Dutch Lady, in the time of Q. Elizabeth, and buried with the epitaph, “ Hic jacet Religio cum Superstitione”—[Here lies Religion with Superstition].—*Brit. Sancta*, p. II, p. 200.

**FRITHSTAN.**—April 9: a bishop of Winchester in the 10th cent.

**Furisday, Fursday, Foursday.**—Northern corruptions of Thursday.

**FURÆUS, FURSEY.**—Jan 16 (*Brit. Sanct.*, p. I, p. 41). In G. 397, it is Jan. 14; but the Arras kalendar and the Saxon Menology give him Jan. 16, which is no doubt the right day.

**GABINUS.**—Feb. 20; the brother of pope Caius (*Hospin.*, fo. 47 b.) See **GAIUS**

**GAGEUS.**—Jan. 4: G. 397. This is Gaius in other kalendars.

**GAIUS.**—April 22: G. 404. Caius, ordained pope Dec. 17, 283, and was slain with his brother Gabinus.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 84.

**GAIUS.**—July 1: G. 409. Another Gaius, Nov. 20, April 22, 296: Hospinius says 295.—*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 78 b.

**GAIUS & VICTOR.**—July 1: G. 409. There is another Gaius, Nov. 20.

**Gallicantus.**—Cock-crow. “ Tercia nocte circa gallicantum strepitum omne monasterium a fundamentis moveri visum est” (*Chron. Joh. Bromton*, col. 941, 20). See *Cantus*; *Cock-crowing*; *Pullorum Cantus*, &c.

**Gallicinium.**—Cock-crow; opposed to *conticinium*.

**Gallilei, Γαλιλαῖα.**—The time passed by Christ in Galilee; from the Resurrection in Easter to the festival of the Ascension, or 40 days.

**Gallinicium.**—Cock-crowing [see *Pullorum Cantus*]. It is evidently a mistake for *Gallicinium*.

**GALLUS.**—Oct. 16: a Scottish abbot or bishop in 586 (*Brit. Sanct.*, p. II, p. 197). He was canonized about 1483.—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 140 b.

**Gang Days, Gang Dawes.**—An ancient name of the processions called Rogations, three days before the Ascension: *Berþeoþ gang dagum ȝ miðsum rumeja* (*Chron. Sax.*, 913)—Betwixt gang days and midsummer. “ Then

in the gang-days (gong 'bagum) went Harold with his ships from Bristol about Wales" (*Chron. Sax.*, 1063). Florence of Worcester, translating the Chronicle, renders this term " circa Rogationes :" and, in the Laws of Athelstan, Gang Days and Gang Week are employed for the same time as the days and week of Rogation at present, and literally signify walking days and walking week : " Fas esto, si quid criminis unicuique imponatur jam compensare, ni in lustrationibus diebus (quas Gangdayes vocant) sit commissum" (*Ll. Athelst.*, c. 12; *Spelm. Concil.*, t. I, p. 405). The metrical Festivals of the Church mention the processions in the fields on the less Litany, or the Gang Days :

" Suppe þe lasse Letani þe Gang Dawes iclepeþ biþ.  
Whan me abouthe þe felpes goe w<sup>t</sup> baners as ge iseþ."  
*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX.*

" In this tyme was institute the processionoun of Gang Dayis in France, thre dayis afore the Ascension day, by Mamercius, byshop of Veen" (*Bellend.*, *Chron.*, B. IX, c. 6). The Gang Days are evidently suggested by the Roman *Ambarvalia*. See *v. I*, p. 226.

**GANGERICUS, GAUGERICUS, GAURICUS.**—Aug. 11: V. 429—but the name has been obliterated from the MS. by fire. " Natalis Sancti Gaugerici et Sancti Tyburtii" (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). The name is printed Gandericus in *Petr. de Natal.* (*I. XI*, c. *ult.*, n. 212)—but Gauderic in the index. He is also called Geri, and was a bishop in 619.

**Gaudete in Domino semper.**—Introit and name of the third Sunday in Advent.

**Gaudy Days.**—Term days at the two universities.

**GAUGERICUS.**—See **GANGERICUS**.

**Gaule Haut.**—For *La Goule d'Août*, in the patent for electing the twenty-four men to watch over the government, in 42 Hen. III: " At Lundres le Dimenç prochein apres la gaule haut" (*Calend. Pat. Rot.*, p. 30); that is, Sunday next after Aug. 1. See *Gula Augusti*, *Gule of August*.

**GAUTIER.**—May 11: abbot of Erpford, 1070. Another of this name was abbot of St. Martin of Pontoise, who died April 8, 1099. This person was covered with opprobrium, beaten, and shamefully expelled from the Council of Paris about 1074, for defending the decree of Gregory VII, by which he prohibited priests, living in concubinage, from celebrating mass.—*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 106.

**GAY**—April 22, the day of Gaius or Caius the pope, in a MS. Lives of Saints, temp. Hen. VI.

**GEBHARD.**—Aug. 27: son of Otho, count de Bregenz, died in 996.—*Hospin.*, fo. 181 b.

**GENRINA.**—May 22: G. 406.

**Gemini.**—May 18. The sun's entry into the sign of the Twins : G. 405; V. 426; T. 439. May 17: E. 453.

**GEMINIANUS.**—Sept. 16: V. 430; T: 443; with Euphemia and Lucia, E. 457.

**GENEBAUD & LATRO.**—Dec. 7. The former was appointed bishop of Lau-dun by Bishop Remigius, under Chlodoveus. He left his wife, but frequently visited her, in consequence of which he had a son, whom he named Latro, because he was conceived "in latrocino," a thief—because he was

concealed by stolen visits. He succeeded his father in the bishopric.—*Petr. de Natal., l. I, c. 41.*

**Genethiacus Dies Constantinopolitanæ.**—The Dedication Day of the city of Constantinople, May 10.

**GENOVEFA.**—Jan. 3: G. 397; V. 422. “ III non. Jan. Parisis. Natalis Sanctæ Genovefæ” (*Kal. Arr.*, 126). Genevieve, patroness of Paris in 512.

**GEORGE.**—April 23: G. 404; V. 423; T. 438; E. 452; L. 404. “ Gode men & wommen, such a daye ge schal haue þe fest of seynt George, þe whiche day ge schal comyn to holy chirche in worschep of God & þe holy martyr seynt George þt bowthe hys day ful dere” (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 59*). George, who is thus worshipped by the papists, and invoked in their necessities, was not only no saint, but not even a man, having never been in existence. Jac. de Voragine, archbishop of Genoa (*Legend.* 56) and Petrus de Natalibus (*l. IV, c. 81*) in some measure confess this. On this day, at Rome, they celebrate the *Signilustrium*, in which they exhibit the banner inscribed S. P. Q. R., in imitation of the *Tubulustrium* of the pagans (*Hosp. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 80). In 1 Henry V, at the instance of the king, says Otterbourne, it was decreed by the Council at London, that the festivity of St. George the martyr should thenceforth be honoured as a “ *festum duplex*” (*Chron.*, t. I, p. 273). This was the council which was assembled under Crichley of Canterbury, against Sir John Oldcastle, in 1413. They decreed the same honor to David and Winifred.—*Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 669.

**Ger.**—See *Dawes.*

**Gere Day.**—New Year's Day, was called the Year-day, though originally the term was the same in signification as *Mind Day*. In the following lines, it is taken for the festival of the Circumcision :

“ Gere's dai þe holi feste her dai is & good.  
Fore þulke dai our swete Lord shedde verst his blod.  
As he ycircumcised was as hit wolle in þe olde lai.  
Aft' he was ibore. þen cytede day.  
þere he schedde verst his blod. vol. gong he was þ'to.  
For oure gult and now for his al hit was ydo.  
þere beþ ho so hym wel by dynged þre pynnages or fowre.  
Whare porow his holy geres day god is to honowre.  
For þulke day his de Utanes of midwyntis day.  
& fore oure lord was do ycircumcised as h' vel in þe lay.”  
*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX, fo. 2.*

**GEREON & his Companions.**—Oct. 10: E. 458. Three hundred and nineteen martyrs, in 287.

**GERI.**—See *GANGERICUS.*

**GERMANUS, Bishop.**—May 28: E. . . Bishop of Paris in 526: at Paris, May 26.

**GERMANUS**, the famous Bishop.—July 31: V. 428—where it is a feast of 12 lessons. He was a bishop of Auxerre, who died in 450.—*Hospin.*, fo. 123 b.

**GERMANUS, Bishop of Capua.**—Oct. 90: E. 458.

**GERMANUS, REMIGIUS & VEDASTUS.**—Oct. 1: V. 431; E. 458. “ *Kal. Oct. Natalis S. Remigii Episcopi, & Translatio S. Vedasti Episcopi, & Na-*

- talis S. Platoris, & S. Geminiani!** (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). They lived in the time of Chlodovæus.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IX, c. 9 & 12.
- GERMANUS & VITALIS.**—Nov. 3: G. 417. Theophilus, Cesarius & Vitalis, martyrs in Cappadocia, under Decius.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. X, c. 18.
- GERMANUS.**—Nov. 12: G. 417.
- GERONOMUS.**—Hieronymus or Jerome, Sept. 30, in a charter of Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln, to the priory of Burscough, which was “Datum apud Haltone die Sancti Geronomi Confessoris, A. D. 1285” (*Monast. Anglic.*, t. VI, p. 459). The change of J to G was not unusual among our ancestors. In the same manner, Geremias occurs for Jeremiah in a Saxon homily.—*Cott. MS., Faustina*, A. IX, fo. 36.
- Gerst Monath**—The Saxon Barley-month (*Verstegan, Restoration of Decayed Intelligence*, p. 62), which the Germans call Herbst Monath, or Harvest Month. It answers to our September, the Halige Monath, or Holy Month of Bede.
- GERTRUDE.**—March 17: a virgin of Brabant, who died in 664, and was deified by Honorius III.—*Hospin.*, fo. 52.
- GERVASE & PROTASE.**—July 19: G. 406; V. 427; T. 440; E. 454. In the kalendar of Carthage, XII kal. Julii, or July 28. The festival was founded by St. Ambrose at Milan, in the latter portion of the 4th century, but had been earlier celebrated in Africa (*August. Conf.*, l. IX, c. 7, ap. *Mabill. Analect.*) They were twin brothers, sons of St. Vitalis, who were sacrificed by Astasius of Milan, in consequence of the answer of the priests—that the gods would not promise him victory against the Arcomanni unless they were offered to them. Their deaths are placed on this day (July 19) in 51—or, according to some, 57.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 196; *Hosp.*, fo. 113.
- GILDAS.**—Jan. 29: T. 398. An abbot in 565.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. I, p. 74.
- GILES,** Abbot.—Sept. 1: L. 489. His Latin name is *Egidius*, or *Egidius*:
- “ Seyn Gilis þe holi man ne loueþe noþing sinne.”  
*Jul., D. IX*, fo. 129 b.
- “ Ilians messa,” in the Runic kalendar, gives another variety of the same name.—*Ol. Worm., Fast. Dan.*, p. 142.
- GIOULI.**—The months of December and January, in Bede—because, in the lunisolar year of the Anglo-Saxons, the solstices sometimes fell in the one, and sometimes in the other.
- GODEIS Sunday.**—Easter Day is called God’s Sunday, in an ancient homily *In Die Pasce*: “ Goode mene and wommen as ye knownen alle welle þis is callede in some place Astur Day; & in sum place Pasche Day, & in summe place Godeis Sunday.”—*Harl. MS.*, 2403, fo. 82.
- GODRIC.**—May 21: an English hermit, who died on this day in 1160: “ S. Godricus de Finchale obdormuit in Domine XII kal. Junii.”—*Ann. de Margan.*, Gale, t. II, p. 8.
- Golden Number.**—In the revolution of nineteen years, the conjunctions, oppositions, and aspects of the moon are within an hour and a half of being the same as they were on the same days of the month nineteen years before: in time this becomes so sensible, as to make a whole natural day in 310 years. So that, though the cycle be of use when the golden numbers

are rightly placed against the days of the month in the kalendar, it will only serve for that period old style. For, as the new and full moons anticipate a day in that time, the golden numbers ought to be placed one day earlier in the kalendar for every succeeding 310 years. These numbers were rightly placed against the days of the new moon, in the kalendar of the Council of Nice in 325—but the anticipation, which was neglected until the Reformation of the kalendar in 1582, had grown into five days, and, therefore, all the golden numbers ought be placed five days lower in the kalendar for the old style, than they were at the time of that council—or six days lower for the new style. The following observations on the lunar cycle and the cycle of 19 years, more commonly called by the moderns the Golden Number, are made by the French chronologists :—

“ We distinguish, with the ancient computists, and a certain number of charters, the Lunar Cycle and the Cycle of 19 years, or Golden Number, though some authors, and a greater number of charters, entirely confound them. It is common enough, in fact, to find in ancient monuments, *Cyclus Lunæ* or *Lunaris*, and *Cyclus Decemnovennalis*, taken indifferently one for the other. This mistake is occasioned by the resemblance of the two cycles. The lunar cycle, as well as the cycle of 19 years, is a revolution of 19 years, after which it begins with I and continues to XIX by a perpetual circle. All the difference that we shall mark between them is, that the cycle of the moon commences three years later than that of 19 years. This difference proceeds from the Greeks and modern Jews : the latter use the cycle which we call that of the moon, and they commence it at the autumnal equinox, with their month of Tisri. Nevertheless, in conformity with the usage adopted by the editors of charters, we make the years of this cycle commence with January, which is an anticipation of about nine months in the years of this lunar cycle of the Jews. Thus this lunar cycle is not, as the learned Guibert thinks, the envelope of the epacts, but an invariable lunar cycle, which the modern Jews adopted in 338 of our era, and which forms the basis of their present kalendar. It is the Greeks of Alexandria who transmitted to us the cycle of 19 years, which we make to commence with our month of January. In the first ages, the Christians made use of both cycles; but at length that of 19 years prevailed—and our modern authors have so forgotten the Jewish cycle, that we know none who have employed it in explanation of charters which are dated by it.

“ The following is one of these charters—the more remarkable, as both cycles are expressed. It is that of Henry, count d'Eu, in favour of the abbot of St. Lucian of Beauvais, and bears the following dates : ‘ Acta sunt hæc, an<sup>o</sup> ab Incarn. Dom. MCIX, indict. II, epacta XVII, concurrente IIII, cyclus lunaris V, cyclus decemnovennalis VIII, regularis Paschæ IIII, terminus Paschalis XIV kal. Maii, dies Paschalis VII kal. Maii, lunæ ipsius (diei Paschæ) XXI’ (*Mabill. Diplom.*, 594). All these dates are very exact. It is rare to find charters, in which the lunar cycle and the cycle of 19 years are so clearly distinguished ; but it is not rare to find some dated with the lunar cycle, according to the modern Jews, instead of the cycle of 19 years, according to the Greeks. Of this number are—the foundation of the monastery of Quimperle, in 1209, which is dated cyclus lunæ 1, instead of 4;

a donation of 1169 to the same abbey, cyclus lunæ 1, instead of 4, and a letter of Baldric, bishop of Dol, cyclo lunari 5, for 8.

"Among charters dated by the lunar cycle according to the Jews, we have found some in which this cycle does not commence at Jan. 1; but among those which are dated by the cycle of 19 years, or the lunar cycle, confounded with the cycle of 19 years, we have met some which commence with Jan. and others with March; but the Alexandrians only commenced this cycle with their year, which began August 29. This difference in the commencement of the cycle of 19 years ought to be remarked, in order to reconcile certain dates, in which there would appear to be an error, although there is none. They serve also to fix the dates of charters granted in January or February. Such is that of the foundation of the priory of Quiberon: "Anno ab Incarn. Dom. MXXVII, circulus lunæ II, indict. XI, epacta XXII, concurrens B I." We see by all these dates, that this charter was granted in January or February of 1028, according to our present manner of reckoning the years. It states the year to be 1027, because at that time they commonly began the year at Easter. The circulus lunæ II is here the same as the cycle of 19 years. The author of the charter counts only 2, as if 1028 were only the 2nd year of the cycle of 19 years, though it is the 3rd, because he began to count this 3rd year only in March, and the charter was granted the year before. The induction II, and the epact 22, mark the year 1028, as also the concurrent B I—that is to say, bissextili 1. This concurrent 1, instead of 17, which the author should have put (the charter having been granted before Feb. 25), proves what is said of concurrents (*under Dominical Letters*)—namely, that there are charters granted in Leap Years, in which the concurrent, that would not take place except after that, is nevertheless marked from January. As to the luna VII, it shews that the charter was granted Jan. 7 or Feb. 6. The agreement of all these dates is, therefore, perfect; but the agreement is not seen without making the lunar cycle, taken for that of 19 years, commence with March.

"But there are other charters, in which January is regarded as the first month of the cycle of 19 years. Such is a diploma of Gaston VI, vicomte de Bearn: "Factum est hoc, an<sup>o</sup> Incarnationis Verbi MCLXXXI, indict. XIV, epacta III, concurrente III, cyclo decemnovennali IIII, feria II, idus Februarii," or Feb. 9, 1181. All the dates mark this year; but the decemnovennial cycle 4, to agree with them, must commence in Jan. In making it commence in March, it should be 3 instead of 4—an evident proof that there were some of the ancients who made the commencement of this cycle commence with Jan. 1—others at March; whence it results that the rule,—"Muta cyclum lunarem in kalendis Januarii, cyclum decemnovennalem in kalendis Marti," which is found in a MS. of the monastery of St. Sergius of Angers, of the 11th century, is like the greater part of the computi and calculations of that time, and that it is not less subject to frequent exceptions, at least for what regards the commencement of the cycle of 19 years with the month of March.

"The two cycles of the moon according to the modern Jews, and of 19 years according to the notaries, are equally called Golden Numbers. It is believed that they are so named, because they were written in golden characters in the ancient kalendars, in which they served to shew on what day of the 12 solar months the new moon fell, every year of one or other of these

CENTURIES.	YEARS LESS THAN A HUNDRED.																		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94
	95	96	97	98	99														
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	100	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4
	200	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	300	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	400	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	500	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5
	600	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	700	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	800	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1
	900	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1000	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	1100	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	1200	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2
	1300	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1400	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	1500	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	1600	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3
	1700	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	1800	15	16	17	18	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	1900	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

cycles. For this purpose, they wrote them opposite that day of every solar month on which the new moon fell, in the same manner as the epacts printed in the Breviaries since the reformation of the kalendar in 1582. It is thus that they are printed in the perpetual lunar character where they are united with the new epacts, which indicate the new moons according to the new style."—*L'Art de verif. les Dates*, t. I, p. 62 [See *Enbolismus*.]

The Golden Number being the same in both the old and the new style, may be found by simple inspection of the accompanying Table, from the first year of the Christian era to the year 1999—or for any other period, by substituting, in the column of centuries, 2000 for 100, 2100 for 300, 2300 for 400, and so on as long as required to 3800, and recommencing the same process.

[*Vide TABLE*, p. 187.]

*Gole*, or *Gole Feast*.—Gole, sometimes Giouli, and sometimes Geola (see *Hickes, Thes.* ii, 106), was the Saxon name of January and December. Christmas, from the Saxon names of that festival—gehul, gehol, and geol. It frequently occurs in the Chronicle of Robert of Brunne, pp. 47, 49, 65, 72, 125, 147, 263, &c. Of King Stephen he says—

“ þe tuest gere of his regne  
At gole he held his feste  
At Lincolne, as in signe  
þat it was his conqueste.

v. I, p. 125.

**Go-Harvest**—A northern name of the post-autumnal season. “ Go-Harvest, the open weather between the end of harvest, and the snow or frost.”—*Survey of Bariffs*, App. p. 40.

**Good Friday**.—Probably a corruption of God's Friday. It precedes Easter, or God's Sunday, and is sometimes termed Holy Friday. “ Wretyn at Cantburye, to Caleys ward, on Tewesday, and happe to be [if hap be] uppon Good Fridaye ye xij daye of Apryll A° E. iiiij<sup>th</sup> xiiij” (*Paston Letters*, vol. II, p. 134). On this date Sir John Fenn remarks—“ This is the first letter so fully dated, by which the exact time of King Edward's reign can be precisely ascertained. By the Tables to find Easter, it appears that in 1473, the prime being 11, and the Dominical Letter C, Easter Sunday was on the 18th April. Edward IV began to reign the 4th March. The 16th April, 1473, was, therefore, the 13th Edw. IV, and consequently he began to reign on the 4th of March, 1460.” Now, although the 16th of April, 1473, was 13 Edw. IV, the computation is from March 4, 1461, on which day and year the reign commenced (see *Nicholas' Tables*); and in a subsequent letter (v. II, p. 206), this is actually the computation used, the writer dating on February 18, Friday before Shrove Tuesday, 16 Edw. IV.—See *Fast-ingong*.

**Good Thursday**.—In Lower Saxony, *Der Gute Donnerstag* is Maundy Thursday, and perhaps so called from the acts of charity which were universally performed, in fulfilment of our Saviour's mandate.

**GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS**.—May 10: G. 405; V. 426; T. 439; E. 453 (see *EPIMACHUS*). Gordian was a convert to Christianity in the time of Julian the emperor, and beheaded by his order. His body was cast to the dogs

but, remaining unhurt, was at last buried (*Jac. de Vorag., Leg. 60*; *Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 149; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 85).

**GORGONIUS.**—Sept. 9: G. 413; V. 430; T. 443; E. 457 (see **AUDOMARUS**).  
Gorgonius was a martyr with Dorotheus in Nicomedia, under Dioclesian.—(*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 55).

**GOTHARD.**—May 5: a Bavarian monk, afterwards abbot, and finally Bishop Hildemodus. He lived under Otto II & III, and Henry II.—*Surius, Vit. Sanct.*, t. VII; *Hospin.*, fo. 84.

**Goule Daugust, Goule d'Aust.**—The Gule of August, in stat. 3 Ed. I, c. 30; 27 Ed. III, Ordin. de Feodis; 31 Ed. III, c. 15; 43 Ed. III, c. 2. See *Gula Augusti*.

**Gowry Conspiracy.**—From Howe's Chronicle, it appears that the 5th of August was ordered to be strictly observed, for the king's delivery from the Gowrie conspiracy, an. 1603. Wilson, in his Life of King James, says—“The fifth of August had a new name given to it. The king's deliveries in the north must resound here. Whether the Gowries attempted upon the king's person, or the king on theirs, is variously reported” (*Nichols's Progr. of K. James*, v. I, p. 245). Dr. Robertson states in his Hist. Scotland, v. III, b. viii, that this day was appointed to be annually observed as a day of public thanksgiving in the year 1600.

**Grand Days, Grans Jours.**—Days in the Terms, which are solemnly kept in the inns of court and chancery, i. e. *Candlemas* in *Hilary Term*, *Ascension Day* in *Easter Term*, *St. John the Baptist's Day* in *Trinity Term*, and *All Saints' Day* in *Michaelmas Term*, which days are *dies non juridici*, or no days in court (*Jacob*). We have the name from the French. While their parliaments were ambulatory, or, like the Anglo-Saxon and Norman courts de More, uncertain as to the place in which they were held, the kings were accustomed to hold plenary courts, and to deliver judgment in person, on the days on which Parliament assembled. These were usually the days of the principal feasts, which were from this circumstance named by the laity, if not by the clergy, *Grans Jours*. Hence, mention is often made, in French historians, of acts (*arrêts*) made in the parliament at All Saints, Whitsuntide, Martinmas and Candlemas. After parliaments became stationary, the kings often gave commission to judge absolutely in certain causes; and this court and sovereign justice was called *Grands Jours*, because it was an image of the ancient deambulatory parliaments, which were held on the days of the grand festivals, called *Grand Days*.—*Casseneuve, Origines de la Langue Fr.*, p. 69.

**Grass Week.**—Rogation Week, so called from the restriction of food to salads and greens.

**Gratiae Generales.**—The year of the Jubilee, when plenary indulgences were granted to all the faithful, on conditions expressed in the bull of 1371: “Tempore Gratiarum—ivit Avimonem ad dictas Gratias.”—*Du Cange*, t. III, col. 949.

**Gregorian Kalendar.**—In order to rectify the errors of the Julian kalendar, Gregory XIII invited men of the first mathematical talent to Rome, and, having employed ten years in discussing the various *formulae* presented to him, he gave preference to that of the two brothers, Aloysio and Antonio Lilio. He sent copies of it in 1757 to all the catholic princes, republics and acad-

mies, and, receiving assurances of their concurrence, he published in 1582 his new kalender, in which ten days of this year were retrenched, the 5th of October being accounted the 15th. This was the epoch of the introduction of the New Style; but as it was not at first generally received, the dates employed in different countries did not correspond. The following brief survey of its progress through Europe, will assist in comparing the dates of one nation with those of another.

In *Spain*, *Portugal*, and part of *Italy*, the retrenchment was made on the same day as at Rome, but in *France* it did not take place until the December following, when the 10th was accounted the 20th, conformably to letters patent of Henry III, issued Nov. 3, 1582.

The same year, the Due d'Alençon, as sovereign of the Low Countries, ordered that, after the approaching 14th of December, the following day should be taken to be the 25th, and held as Christmas Day, and that the year should terminate six days after Christmas Day. *Brabant*, *Flanders*, *Artois* and *Holland*, obeyed this decree, but *Gelderland*, *Zutphen*, *Utrecht*, *Friesland*, *Gronningen* and *Over Yssell*, continued to follow the Old Style. Philip II, king of Spain, on the 10th of January, 1583, commanded the seventeen provinces to receive the new kalendar, and to account the 12th of February the 22nd, and the day following to be Ash Wednesday, which would otherwise have been the 18th: "Let us," he says, "commute the letter F into B, so that the month of February shall contain only 18 days instead of 28, although we inclusively count 28." On July 24, 1700, the province of *Utrecht* adopted the new kalendar; and the style soon afterwards became uniform in the *Netherlands*.

In *Germany*, the catholic states received the new kalendar in 1583, but the protestants adhered to the old kalendar. *Strasburg* adopted the Gregorian style Feb. 5, 1582. The body of protestants adopted a modified kalendar, which agreed with the Gregorian in all respects, but in determining Easter and the Moveable Feasts.

In *Switzerland*, the Gregorian kalendar was received in Feb., 1585, by some of the states, but the style did not become uniform till the year 1724.

In *Poland*, King Stephen Battori having endeavoured, in 1586, to establish the Gregorian kalendar, was opposed by the inhabitants of *Riga*, who rose in a body against its introduction. The sedition was repressed, and the new kalendar prevailed.

In *Sweden* it was enforced by a royal edict, 24th March, 1752, and began to be used March 1, 1753.

In *Denmark* it was adopted in 1582, but reformed in 1699, and their kalendar made to agree with that of the German protestants.

In *England*, it was ordered by act of parliament, in 1751, that the year 1752 and the following years should begin with Jan. 1, in the Old Style; but in order to reduce English chronology to the New Style, the same act ordained that Sept. 3 should be accounted the 14th of the same month—so that the French and English year does not perfectly coincide until Sept 14, 1752; and the year 1753 was the first in which the two chronologies commence on precisely the same day. This reform, like all others, met with great opposition in England.

In the *East*, the Gregorian kalendar was universally rejected.—See *L'Art de verifier les Dates*, t. I, p. xxxi.

The reception of the new kalendar had the effect of altering the Dominical Letters—thus, in England the letter D was changed to A, and the year 1752, a leap year, had in consequence three Sunday letters: E, from Jan. 1 to Feb. 29; D, from March 1 to Sept. 2; and A, from Sept. 3 to Dec. 31. In France, the Letter G was changed to C in 1582.

**GREGOIRE, GREGORIUS, GREGORY.**—March 12: G. 401; V. 424; T. 437; E. 451; L. 463. This pope and saint is commonly called Gregory the Great. He instituted the Litania Septiformis to avert a plague, and renewed the stations at Rome. When the Patriarch of Constantinople assumed the title of *Ecumenicus*, he called himself “servus servorum.” Hildebrand observes, that though very prone to superstition, there has not been a better pope since his time (*De Diebus Sanctis*, p. 57). He was ordained on Sunday, Sept. 3, 590, whence the *Ordinacio S. Gregorii*, in E. 457. His death took place in 594, March 12, the day consecrated to him; but he does not occur in the kalender of Arras. He is the first pope who, in his dates, counts the days of the month in our manner, and not in the Roman, but has been imitated by few of his successors (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 279). Gregory is the patron of scholars; but the custom of making presents to boys on his day, to incite them to a love of study, is derived or continued from the *Quinquatria* of the Romans, a festival held for five days in March, when scholars made presents (called *Minervalia*) to their masters, who in return gave them wafers, or thin cakes:

“Crustula blandula  
Dant præceptores pueris.”      *Horat.*

Though he preferred to count days in their numerical order, his festival is used as a date: “Anno Regni Edw. filii Edw. 15. Nich. le Vieille Mercator de Amydas, admitted and sworn freeman, in the Hustings of Pleas of Land, die Lune prox. post Festum Sancti Gregorii Papæ, before the Mayor, &c. (*MS. Lib. Alb. Papyr. in Arch. Lond.*) “Wretyn at Norwyche on Seynt Gregorys day” (*Paston Letters*, 1449, vol. I, p. 30). There was another Gregory, Dec. 19 (G. 420), who was bishop of Auxerre (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult., n. 15). The following do not occur in the kalendars: 1, G. Thaumaturgus, 270, Nov. 17; 2, G. of Spoleto, 304, Dec. 24; 3, G. Illuminator, 325, Sept. 30; 4, G. Nazianzen, 373, Jan. 1; 5, G. the younger, bp., 389, May 9; 6, G., bp. of Nyssa, 396, March 9; 7, G., bp. of Langres, 539, Jan. 4; 8, G., bp. of Tours, 596, Nov. 17; 9, G., bp. & conf. of Utrecht, 776, Aug. 25; 10, G. III, pope, 741, Nov. 27 or 28; 11, G. VII, 1085, May 25; 12, G. X, 1272, Jan. 27 or Feb. 16; and, 13, G. Louis Barbadigo, card. bp., 1697, June 15.

**Guardian Angels (our).**—Oct. 2.

**Gregorian Kalendar.**—See *Kalendar Gregorian.*

**GRIMBALD, Priest.**—July 8: T. 441.

**GRISOGONUS.**—Nov. 24: E. 459. See *CHRISOGONUS*.

**GUIDO, GUY.**—March 30. An abbot of Pomposia in Ravenna, who died 1046.—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 55 b.

**Guili.**—A name of the lunar months in Bede: “*Menses guili a conversione solis in auctum diei quia unus eorum præcedit, alias subsequitur, nomina accipiunt.*”—*De Rat. Temp.*, c. 13.

**Gula Augusti**, Gule of August.—In the Constitutions of Walter de Wyke-wane, abbot of Winchelscumbe, for the government of the monastery, the clerk of the church is directed to collect the tithes, “*a gula Augusti usque ad festum S. Michaelis*,” in the year 1309 (*Monast. Angl.*, t. II, p. 308). It is the title of the 1st of August, whence the festival of St. Peter ad Vincula is often termed, in charters and chronicles of the middle ages, *Festum S. Petri in Gula Augusti*. Thomas Wikes, ad an. 1273, indicating August 6, has “*Dominicam proximam post gulam Augusti*” (*Gale*, t. II, p. 99). In our French statutes, it is *La Goule d'August*. Some account of the origin of the name has been given in vol. I, p. 334. Hearne, after some remarks on the *gehul*, *gole*, *gule*, and *yule*, by which our ancestors designated Christmas Day, observes that “some make the Gule of August to be a corruption of the British word *Gwyl Awst*, signifying the feast of August. But for my own part, I do not look upon it as originally a British expression, but Latin, being really the same with *Gula Augusti*, that occurs very frequently in old writings, both of our own and other countries. Hence Du Fresne (the same with Du Cange): ‘*Gula Augusti*—Le Gule d'August in St. Ed. III, an. 31, c. 14. ‘*Averagium aestivale fieri debet inter Hokdai et Gulam Augusti.*’ Utitur Willelmus Armonicus in Philippo Augusto an. 1219.”—Now if *gula* were here, and in other places, nothing but a feast, why were not other feasts or festivals also so called, as the Gule of St. Luke, &c.? Du Fresne gives an instance from antiquity, that *Gula Fluvii* was the mouth of a river. But here the same question arises again (allowing it to be so)—why, then, are not the beginnings of other months distinguished in the same manner? This consideration induces Hearne to agree with Spelman and Dr. Cowel in the opinion, that it is *gula*, the throat.—*Rob. of Glouc.*, p. 680.

**GUNIBERT.**—See *CUTHBERHT*.

**GUTHLAC**, Anchoret.—April 11: V. 424; T. 438. In the Menol. Sax., it is said that his deposition took place on this day in Britain, and that his body rests in a place called Crwland; and that his name is in Latin Bellimus. Orderic Vitalis says that he died in 715 (*lib. IV*, p. 540); but Petrus Ble-sensis, the continuator of Ingulf's History (*Gale*, t. I, p. 109), places his death in 714: “*Idem sanctus pater transiit ad Dominum completis annis vite sua 40, 4<sup>ta</sup> feria in Septimana paschæ scil. A. D. 714. Indict. 12, cyclo decennale per XI currente, &c.*” This agrees with the day, for Wednesday in Easter week, 714, fell on April 11; but there is a mistake as to the indication. It also agrees with the Chron. Sax. and Flor. Wigorn. ad ann. The difference arises from the different commencements of the year adopted by these writers, the one beginning it with March or Easter, and the other with Christmas.

**GYLE LE ABBE.**—Sept. 1: L. 469. See *EGIDIUS*.

**Habens Legionem.**—See *Dominio de habente Legionem*.

**HÆDDA**, Bp.—July 7: V. 428; T. 441. See **HEDDA**.

**Haleyon Days.**—The seven days before and the seven after the winter solstice; thus Bede, in *Ephemer.*, “ii id. Decemb. Haleyonia per dies quatuordecim” (*Oper.*, t. I, p. 264). The halcyon is said at this time, invited by the calmness of the weather, to have laid her eggs in nests, built in the rocks, close by the brink of the sea, and thus to have given rise to the name of these fourteen days.

**Halig Monath.**—September: V. 430. The following is the account of this month in the Saxon Menology: On ȝæm niȝðan monþe on geape biþ .xxx. ȝaga. Se monþ harre on leðen ȝeptember. ȝ on ne geƿeoðe halig monþ. ȝonþon þe ne ȝlðnan þa þa hi haþene ƿaþon on þam monþe hi gulbon hioþa ƿeofulgelðum—[In the 9th month of the year are 30 days. The month is called in Latin *Septembris*, and in our language Halig Monath (holy month), because our ancestors, when they were heathens, in this month sacrificed to their idols].—Cott. MS., *Julius*, A. X., fo. 147.

**Halimas, Hallamas.**—A compound of *halig*, holy, and *mass*, and name of All Saints Day. In the Perth Encyclopædia, it is erroneously explained to be All Souls' Day (see *All Hallowemas*). The words *halwes* and *hallows* were employed for saints, long after the language had ceased to be comparatively pure Saxon:

“I vowe to Seynt Michael, and tille all halwes that are.”

*Robt. of Brunne*, p. 182.

In the will of Lady Torbocke, date March 7, 1466, she says, “I bequeathe my sawle to all myhtie gode and to our lady Seynt Mary and to all the hal-lows of heven.”—Harl. MS. 2176, fo. 27 b.

**Hall Days.**—Days of administering justice in manorial or baronial halls or courts; the same as the French *Jours de Palais*, the German *Gericht Tage*, and the *Laghdays* of our earlier ancestors.

**Halloween, Hallow Even.**—See *All Hallowe'en*.

**Halowance.**—Hallamas: “And oþyr maners that may be sparyd to then-cresse of hys lyfelode yn thys land, and thys eoven'ntyss to be engroced wythynne shorth tyme as by all Halowance in case your lordshyp be agreed.”—*Paston Letters*, vol. IV, p. 300.

**Halowenmas.**—See *All Hallowenmas*. Hiluna messa occurs in the Runic calendar.—Ol. Worm. *Fast. Dan.*, p. 146

**Halwethurs Tide.**—The tide or time of Holy Thursday. Robt. of Brunne (p. 21), mentioning the defeat of the Danes in 786, says:

“The tother gere, the thrid day after Halwethurs tide,  
The Danes, throgh Gode's grace, were on the wers side.”

**Halyday.**—The sabbath day, whether Saturday or Sunday, in an ancient sermon on Midlent Sunday, in which the commandments are repeated: þe þrydde is þ<sup>u</sup> schalte holde þine halyday, þ<sup>t</sup> is þ<sup>u</sup> schalte bene as erly vppe & as late dounne & ben alid also on þe halyday to scruie god as þ<sup>u</sup> arte on þe workeday to scruie þe worlde.”—Cott. MS., *Claud.*, A. II, 47 b.

**Hansel Monday.**—In Scotland, the first Monday after New Year's Day.

**Hanging Month.**—A term ludicrously given to November: Bishop Warburton writes to his friend Hurd from Bedford Row, Oct. 28, 1749, “ I am now got hither to spend the month of November, when the little wretches hang and drown themselves, and the great ones sell themselves to the court and the devil.”—*Hone, E. D. Book, vol. I, col. 1419.*

**Harvest Month.**—Autumn, including the latter end of August and the beginning of September: þen on þyrrum geane ðon Eaðrœdajð cýning mið fýnde on ufan hænferð to Ðealþale (*Chron. Sax. an. 923*). Florence of Worcester says, “ Atumnali tempore rex invictissimus Eadwardus ad Tealweale profectus est.” And in the Saxon treatise on the Vernal Equinox, *Autumnus* is hænferð (*Cott. MS., Tib., A. III, fo. 64 b; Tib., B. V, fo. 25*)—Autumn is the harvest. Brydfyrth of Ramsey still more distinctly says, the third season of the year is called *Autumnus* in Latin, and harvest in English: Se þniða time is autumnus on lýðen gecriðen. ḡ on englisc hænferð. In the following passage, the harvest month is August:

“ This emperour was so gret fame,  
That, for Juli the emperour (that bi fore hym was er)  
Hadde astur hym y clepad a moneth in the ger  
The next moneth afterward, that heruest month ys,  
He let clepe astur hym August y wys.”

*Robt. of Glouc., p. 61.*

And in the following, it takes the Saxon wider signification :

“ The ferth day of Septembre, in the heruest tide.”

*Robt. of Brunne, p. 17.*

**Hawk and Buzzard (Between).**—Twilight. See *Inter Lupum et Canem*.

**Hay, or Hey Month.**—According to Verstegan, July among the Saxons, because, he says, therein they usually mowed and made their hay-harvest.

**Head of Lent.**—Ash Wednesday ; the same as *Caput Jejunii*, the head of the Fast, in a homily on Ash Wednesday :—“ Now good frendys, þat ge schalle cum to cherche—for hit ys þe Hed & the begynnyng of alle þis holy fastynge of Lent.”—*Harl. MS. 2383, fo. 85 b.*

**Heaving Days.**—Easter Monday and Tuesday in Warwickshire, from the custom of men lifting the women and women the men on these days. In Lancashire they are called *Lifting Days*.

**Hebdomada, Hebdomadas.**—The week, in the middle ages, instead of *hebdomas*: A period of seven days, from the Greek numeral ; but it is sometimes a period of seven years—thus Varro, in his book of *Hebdomades*, informs us that he had then entered upon his twelfth week of years. In vulgar language, a week comprises a period of seven years, in the phrase, a week of Sundays. The seventh day was sacred in Hesiod's time, ‘ελδομη, ‘επο ‘ημαρ [the seventh, or sacred day]—an appellation which was also given to it by Homer.

**Hebdomada Authentica.**—Holy Week, which precedes Easter.

**Hebdomada Albæ, Albaria, or in Albis.**—The week following Easter and Pentecost. The latter, commencing on Saturday in *Albis*, and ending on the Saturday following, consisted of eight days. It was so called (viz. the

*White Week*) because, in the ancient church, the recently baptized wore white garments. Lactantius refers to this custom :

“Candidus egreditur nitidis exercitus undis.”

This feast was confirmed by Charlemagne.—*Paul. Diac. de Reb. Longobard., l. II.*

**Hebdomada Casta.**—The week of the commencement of Lent. See *Chaste Week; Clean Lent.*

**Hebdomada Crucis.**—Holy Week : also Rogation Week.

**Hebdomada Crucis.**—Rogation Week, so called in England and Germany, from the processions of crosses.—*Wolfard. de Miraculis S. Walburgæ, l. III, n. 11.*

**Hebdomada de Excepto.**—The last week of Advent, because every office was excluded in it.

**Hebdomada Diacenesima.**—Low Sunday, among the Greeks.

**Hebdomada Duplex.**—See *Hebdomada Trinitatis.*

**Hebdomada Græcæ.**—The weeks of the Greeks are composed like ours, but with this difference, that Sunday is often the last day of the week, instead of which it is always the first with us. This merits attention as regards dates. The name of a week, among the Greeks, is not always taken from the Sunday by which it is preceded. In certain parts of the year, the name is taken from the following Sunday, which may be considered as its term. Thus, the first week of Lent, in the Greek kalendar, is that which precedes the first Sunday of Lent, and in which the day of ashes (Ash Wednesday) is found. Passion Week is that which immediately follows the Sunday of this name—the week of Palm precedes Palm Sunday. An interesting example, say the Benedictines of St. Maur, bears upon this point : we read in Ville-Hardouin, that Constantinople was taken by the French, April 12, 1204—“le Lundi de Pâques Flories.” This expression has deceived several authors, who, not paying attention to the circumstance that Ville-Hardouin speaks of the week according to the Greek kalendar, have not understood that he intends to express the Monday preceding our Palm Week, which in fact fell upon April 12, 1204.\* The week which follows Palm Sunday is not, however, called Easter week among the Greeks, but Holy Week, as among the Latins. Hence we see that the quadragesimal, or Lent Weeks of the Greeks, do not correspond with those of the Latin church, though they are exactly the same in number. It is different with the weeks between Easter and Pentecost, for they do not take their denomination from the Sunday which closes them ; for instance, the week following the octaves of Easter is named among the Greeks, as among us, the second week after Easter, but the Sunday following, which is our second Sunday after Easter, is their third, and so of the others. In this manner, they count seven sun-

\* In an epistle of the emperor Baldwin, the city is said to have been “obessa v Id. Aprilis feria vi ante passionem Domini, et capta ii Id. Aprilis feria secunda in passione,” that is says Du Cange, Monday of the week before Palm Sunday, which we call Passion week.—*Tom. V, col. 235.*

days between Easter and Pentecost, including Palm Sunday. However, by a singular contradiction, the Greeks constantly call Monday the second day of the week, Tuesday the third, and so on.

**Hebdomada Expectationis.**—The sixth week after Easter, or the week after the Ascension; so called, because it represents the time when the apostles expected the advent or descent of the Holy Ghost.

**Hebdomada Indulgenter.**—Holy Week.

**Hebdomada Laboriosa.**—Passion Week, or week before Easter.

**Hebdomada Magna, or Major.**—The great or larger week (the ἑβδομάδας μεγάλη of the Greeks), comprises two ordinary weeks, of which the second, immediately preceding Easter, is Passion Week. This last is said to have been solemn from the time of the apostles. It is mentioned by St. Ignatius (*Epist. ad Philadelph.*) By an edict of Constantine the Great, these weeks were made still more solemn (*Paul. Diac. Hist. Rom.*, l. II.) Chrysostom first called the week before Easter the Great Week, for three reasons:—1, the vast benefits conferred on the world by our Saviour; 2, because the Lord's supper was founded in it; and, 3, because in this week the most rigid abstinence and penitence prevailed. See *Hildebrand, de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 61.

**Hebdomada Mediana Quadragesimæ.**—The middle week of Lent, is the fourth of that fast. The “Hebdomada Dominicam Passionis præcedens,” which was the first week of the Roman Lent, was called *Mediana*, and the Passion Sunday itself was also called *Mediana*. The reason of this, says Mabillon, is, that when the six weeks of Lent were equally divided, the first week of the second period might be called *Mediana*, as being the first week after Midlent, and because the beginning of Lent commenced after the second *feria*, or day of the week. The Sunday of the Passion, following the mid-week, “Hebdomada Mediana,” was also called *Mediana*.—*Mus. It.*, II, 127.

**Hebdomada Muta.**—Passion Week, because the bells were not rung on the last three days: “Nunc ingreditur pax Paschalis, die Mercurii, Muta Hebdomada, quando campanæ astringuntur.”—*Ll. Ostrog.*, c. 22; *Du Cange*, t. II, col. 96. See *Dies Muta*.

**Hebdomada Pentecostes.**—Whitaun Week. The Greeks name it the week of the Holy Ghost—ροῦ ἄγιον πνεύματος ἑβδομάδα.

**Hebdomada Paenalis, or Panoso.**—Passion Week.

**Hebdomada Sacra, or Sancta.**—Holy Week, before Easter and Pentecost.

**Hebdomada Trinitatis.**—The week after Trinity Sunday, which is also called *duplex*, because it is at the same time the week of the first Sunday after Pentecost.

**HEDWIGE, or HAVOYE.**—A Duchess of Poland in 1243, whose day, according to the *Martyrol. Roman.*, p. 324, is Oct. 17, which coincides with an ancient charter in Dumont (*Cours Universelle Diplomatique*, tom. II, p. 254), where we find St. Hedwige's Day fell on Friday, 1432. The learned Benedictines of St. Maur, by a strange mistake, give this day as October 15, and remark that the 15th of October, in 1432, fell on a Friday, and that therefore the charter is not falsely dated (*L'Art de verifier les Dates*, tom. I, p. 70). Their own table shews the dominical letters of this year to be F. E., of which the latter only is used from March 1; now it will be seen by the *kalendar*, or found by simple computation, from Wednesday the 1st day of

October, 1482, that the 15th was Wednesday, and the 17th Friday; so that the charter and the martyrology perfectly agree. She was canonized by Clement IV, according to Hospinian.—*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 17 b.

**HELEN, HELENA.**—Aug. 18: “In festivitate Sanctæ Helene magnum incendium fuit Wintoniæ” (*Annal. de Margan.*, an 1081). She is said to have been the daughter of Coelus, a British king, and the mother of Constantine the Great. Died at Rome in 337 (*Petr. de Natal. lib. VII*, c. 73). It is this saint who is pretended to have discovered the true cross. Speaking of “Cole, erl of Colchester,” Robert of Gloucester says, p. 82:

“ He hadde an holy dogter ak Colchester in þis londe,  
þat seynt Helene was yclepud, þat the holy cross fonde.”

**Heliȝ Monat.**—December; the Giuli erra of Bede. “ December had his due appellation given him in the name of *Winter monat*, to wit, *winter moneth*; but after the Saxons received Christianity, they then, of devotion to the birth-time of Christ, termed it by the name of *Heligh-monat*, that is to say, holy month” (*Verst.*, p. 62). They also called it midwinter month, and *guil erra*, which means the former, or first *giul*. The feast of Thor, which was celebrated at the winter solstice, was called *giul*, from *iol*, or *ol*, which signified ale, and is now corrupted into *yule*. This festival appears to have been continued through part of January—*Dr. F. Sayers, quoted by Hone, vol. I, col. 1549.*

**HENRY.**—July 13, an emperor, the second of the name, who was canonized by Eugenius III on July 13, 1146, that being the day of his death, in 1024.

**HERMONES & ROGATUS.**—Dec. 6: G. 419. These are, perhaps, Hermogenes and Donatus, who suffered with 22 others on Dec. 5.—*Petr. de Natalibus, l. XI, c. ult., n. 6.*

**Hervest.**—The month of August, in many old writers. The coronation of Henry I is thus dated:

“ At Wynchestre he was ychose kyng of þe heye men mony on,  
þo hys broþer was yburied, ȝ þo wende he anon  
To Westmusters, ȝ was ycrowned kyng þe verþe day  
Of þe byssop of Londone, as to hym bylay.”

*Rob. of Glouc., II, 421.*

Again, the same matter is alluded to thus:

“ Mayster Wyllam Giffard he get þe byssopryche  
Of Wynchestre, ȝ mayster Anselyn þe erchebyssopryche,  
þe Sonday he was ycrouned, ȝ of heruest þe vyste day.”

*Ibid., p. 422.*

William died Aug. 1, and Henry was crowned Aug. 5.

**High Tide.**—Any solemn festival; Germ. *Hochzeit*. See *Hock or Hoke Day*.

**“Const.**—A wicked day, and not a holy day!

What hath this day deserved? What hath it done,  
That it in golden letters should be set,  
Among the high tides in the calendar?”

*Shaks. K. John, act iii, sc. 1*

**HILARIUS, HELLARIUS, HILLARY.**—Jan. 13: V. 429; E. 440. The octave

of the Epiphany (T. 435), and one of the law terms : “ Martin and Hilary, saints forgotten by devotees, are still of use to lawyers.”—*Jer. Bentham, Rationale of Judic. Evid.*

Hillarymas, Hillarymesse.—The feast of St. Hillary :

“ For your hote is dette thing als to me  
At Saynt Hillarymesse at Westmynster selle be.”

*Rob. of Brunne, p. 284.*

Hlafmas.—The loaf mass, bread or corn-mass, August 1, now called Lammas. Hlydmonat.—March, the month of storms.—*Verstegan.*

Hock, or *Hoke Day*, and also *Hox Day*.—The second Tuesday after Easter. The most ancient writer who employs this remarkable date is Matthew Paris, in the middle of the 13th century. Speaking of a Parliament held in 40 Henry III, he says that all the nobles of England assembled at London “in quindena Paschæ, quæ vulgariter hoke-day appellatur” (*ad an. 1255*). If, in this particular instance, the quinzime or Easter fortnight commenced with the festival, as it seems always to have done in England (see *Ego sum Pastor bonus*), Hoke-day fell on Tuesday, April 6, or second Tuesday after Easter Day, March 28; but if, according to the Benedictines of St. Maur, in their *Glossaire des Dates*, the quinzime commenced the week before and ended the week after (see *Quindena Paschæ*), the hoke-day of Matthew Paris was Easter Tuesday; but it is commonly understood to be the second Tuesday. On this day, the custom of *lifting* prevails in Lancashire: the men lift or heave the women on Monday, and the women retaliate on Tuesday. Durândus (*Div. Off.*, l. VI) says that in some places it was a custom, that on Monday the women beat their husbands, who returned the compliment on the following day. Spelman finds the word in the Rental of the Manor of Wy: “ Averagium aestivale fieri debet inter Hokeday et Gulam Augusti, et per diem Sabbati” (*Gloss.*, p. 294). It is also found in *Matt. Par.*, *ad Annos 1252, 1255, 1258*; *Matt. Westm.*, *ad an. 1261*, p. 319; *Dugd. Monastic. Angl.*, tom. I, p. 104; *Stat. 31 Edw. III, cap. 14*; *Madox, Formul. Anglic.*, p. 225; *Chartular. S. Trinit. Cadomensi*, fo. 54; *Du Cange, Gloss.* “ *Hoke-day*, or *Hock Tuesday* (*Dies Martis quem quindenam Paschæ vocant*), was a day so remarkable, that rents were reserved and payable thereon; and in the accounts of Magdalen College, Oxford, there is a yearly allowance *pro mulieribus Hockantibus*, in some manors of theirs in Hants, where the men hock the women on Monday, and the contrary on Tuesday; the meaning of it is, that on that day, the women in merriment stop the way with ropes, and pull passengers to them, desiring something to be laid out in pious uses.”—*Jacob, Law Dict.*

Apparently taking the idea from the popular manner of observing this day, some have supposed that the term hock-day is equivalent to “ *dies irrisioris*,” or *irrisorius*, a day of scorn and triumph (see *Brand's Antiq.*, p. 402), or, as we now say, “ a day of hoaxing.” These writers derive it from the Saxon *huse*, though they might have found *heuchtide* in Somner’s Anglo-Saxon Dictionary. Skinner mentions a derivation from the Dutch *hocken*, *desidere*, and adds, “ mallem igitur deducere ab A. S. *Heah-tid*.” Kennet, with a similar impression of its import, suggests the Saxon *headæg*,

which answers to the French *haut jour* (*Antiquit. Paroch.*, p. 495). It is strange that the German *Hochzeit* did not suggest to Spelman, supposing him to have overlooked the Saxon word, the origin of *hocktide*. Wachter remarks that his countrymen have lost the original signification of *Hochzeit*, though the Swedes have preserved it in their *Hogtyd* and *Hogtyds dag*, importing the *festival day*; and he notices some obsolete laws, from which it appears that *höge zeit* preceded Sundays, and the three festivals, the Nativity, Easter, and Pentecost. Hence, he explains *höge zeit* to be *dies lætitiae*, a day of gladness (*Glossar. Germanic.* col. 727). The English *Hock-tide*, or *Hock Day*, is therefore originally a festival day, which, being dependent upon Easter, is moveable; but what it is intended to commemorate is by no means satisfactorily explained. Mr. Strutt, having referred to a memoir on this subject by the Rev. Mr. Jenne (*Archæol.*, vol. VII, p. 224), says: "Some think it was held in commemoration of the massacre of the Danes, in the reign of Ethelred the Unready, on St. Brice's birthday;\*" others, that it was in remembrance of the death of Hardicanute, which happened on Tuesday, the 8th of June, 1041, by which event the English were delivered from the intolerant government of the Danes—and this opinion appears to be most probable. The binding part of the ceremony might naturally refer to the abject state of slavery in which the wretched Saxons were held by their imperious lords; and the donations for 'pious uses,' may be considered as tacit acknowledgments of gratitude to Heaven, for freeing the nation from its bondage" (*Sports, ubi supra*). This is very plausible certainly, but it requires confirmation. The agreement between the terms *hock-day*, a high day, and *feast day*, is in some respect confirmed by a MS. collection of ancient English homilies, in which one is to be said "before the highe daye called Saynt Johan's day the Baptist" (*Harl. Coll.* 2403, fo. 99); and another "before the High Feest of Saynt Johan the Evangelist (fo. 86 b), and "before the Highe Feest of the Annunciation" (*ibid.*) See *Hox Tuesday*.

*Holidays*—Appointed by Statute; see 5 & 6 Edw. VI, &c.

" *K. Phi.*—The yearly course that brings this day about  
Shall never see it but a holy day."

*Shaks. K. John, act iii, sc. 1.*

*Holling*.—The eve of the Epiphany. The procession of the Holling, or holy tree, at Brough in Westmoreland, is a sort of *Festum Stelle*, in commemoration of the star of the wise men of the East. The tree—an ash, with 25 or 30 natural or artificial branches, in regular symmetry, has at the point of each branch a flambeau of greased rushes and combustible matters. The ball is so contrived, that a man may carry it, brilliantly lighted, several times up and down the street, preceded by a band of music, and crowds of people cheering along. It is an immemorial usage, unlike any thing else in the kingdom.

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\* "A.D. 1002. But the time of the year does not agree. St. Brice's Day is the 13th of November."

*Holy Cross Day*.—The festival of the Exaltation of the Cross, Sept. 14; or that of the Invention, May 3.

*Holy Rood Day*.—The same as Holy Cross Day : “ Wretyn at Walth’m besyd Machest the daye next Holy Roode Day” (*Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 78):

“ This day, they say, is called Holy Rood day,  
And all the youth are now a nutting gone.”

*Old Play, quoted by Ellis.*

In the almanacs and Church of England Kalendar, Sept. 26 is marked as *Old Holy Rood Day*; but the festival has always been held on the 14th, since its institution in 629. See *Rood Day*.

*Holy Thursday*.—A moveable feast, in commemoration of Christ’s Ascension, Maundy Thursday, occurring in Holy Week, which precedes Easter, and Good Friday having formerly been called Holy Friday, it is proper to observe, that Holy Thursday and Ascension Day are synonymous. If proof were wanting, Peter Langtoft writes, “ Apres la seinte feste del Assensioun, maunda ly reis Edward, &c.,” and Robert of Brunne translates—

“ After the haly Thorsday the king sent his sond  
Messengers of way, for barons of the lond.”

*Chron., p. 290.*

In our old writers, it appears as Halwethursdai, Holy Thores Day, Holi Thorsdai, &c. “ Being Holy Thursday at the court of St. James’s, the Queen (Mary, in 1554) went in procession within St James’s, with heralds and serjeants of arms, and four bishops mitred” (*Strype’s Annals*). The name is as old as Joh. Chrysostom, who has a homily, *τη ἀγαπὴ καὶ μεγάλη πεμπτή*—sive Die Jovis ante Paschæ. This festival is marked in the calendar of the Sarum Missal for May 5, among the stationary feasts. It is a palpable mistake, which in some measure may serve to establish the age of the manuscript. That it belongs to the 14th century, is a point determined by the obits and other circumstances: now, if the scribe has inserted the Ascension as occurring on the 5th of May in the current year, the MS. was written in one of these years—1323, 1334, or 1345, in each of which the Ascension fell on this day in the 14th century. See *Ascension Day*:

*Holy Week*.—The week before Easter.

*Hora*.—At the foot of the Kalendar Vitellius, are the remains of the correspondence in the length of the human shadow with the hour of the day, in each month. It has probably been taken from Bede’s (*Oper.*, t. I, p. 465) *Concordia XII Mensium*, of which the following is an abstract:

*Jan., and afterwards Dec.*.—Hora 1 et 11<sup>ma</sup>, pedes 29: hora 2 et 10, p. 19: hora 3 et 9, p. 17: hora 4 et 8, p. 15: hora 5 et 7, p. 13: hora 6, p. 11.

*Feb. and Nov.*.—Hora 1 et 11, p. 27: hora 2 et 10, p. 17: hora 6 et 7, p. 15: hora 4 et 8, p. 13: hora 5 et 7, p. 11: hora 6, p. 9.

*March, Oct.*.—Hora 1 et 11, p. 25: hora 2 et 10, p. 15: hora 3 et 9, p. 13: hora 4 et 8, p. 11: hora 5 et 7, p. 9: hora 6, p. 7.

*Apr., Sept.*.—Hora 1 et 11, p. 23: hora 2 et 10, p. 13: hora 3 et 9, p. 11: hora 4 et 8, p. 9: hora 5 et 7, p. 7: hora 6, p. 5.

*May, Aug.*—*Hora 1 et 11*, p. 21 : *hora 2 et 10*, p. 11 : *hora 3 et 9*, p. 9 : *hora 4 et 8*, p. 7 : *hora 5 et 7*, p. 5 : *hora 6*, p. 3.

*June, July*.—*Hora 1 et 11*, p. 19 : *hora 2 et 10*, p. 9 : *hora 3 et 9*, p. 7 : *hora 4 et 8*, p. 5 : *hora 5 et 7*, p. 3 : *hora 6*, p. 1.

**Hora Aurora.**—The morning or four o'clock bell was anciently so named, as the evening or eight o'clock bell was called Ignitegium, or Couvre-feu, Curfew, in the reign of William I. *Hora*, in classical language, does not always denote the twenty-fourth part of the day, but is sometimes used for one of the four quarters: “Quatuor tempora quibus annuus orbis impletur, horæ vocantur.”—*Macrobius, lib. I, Sat. cap. 21.*

**Hours.**—The hours of the day were anciently reckoned from sun-rise. At the equinoxes, the *first* hour answers to our seven o'clock; the *second* to eight; the *third* to nine; the *fourth* to ten; the *fifth* to eleven; the *sixth* to twelve; the *seventh* to one in the afternoon—as in the following table:

	<i>Sun-rise</i>													<i>Sun-set</i>												
<i>ANCIENT</i> .. —	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
<i>MODERN</i> ..	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	I	II	III	IV	V		V	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI	VI

**Hours, Canonical.**—There were seven canonical hours in the middle and lower ages, which were thus distinguished:—I. *Prime*, about 6, A.M.: II. *Tierce*, about 9, A.M.: III. *Sext*, about 12 at noon: IV. *Nones*, about 2 or 3: V. *Vespers*, about four or later: VI. *Complin*, about 7: and, VII. *Matins* & *Lauds*, at midnight. These divisions of the day, Mr. Fosbrooke shews from St. Dunstan's Concord of Rules, were observed by the Saxon monks:

From <i>Unthsang</i> (Matins & Lauds), at midnight, till <i>Primsang</i> (Prime) 6																										
— <i>Primsang</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	<i>Undersang</i> (Tierce) 9
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— <i>Nonsang</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	to <i>Æfensang</i> (1st Vesp., about 4 o'clock.)
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*Brit. Monach.*, c. IV, pp. 53 to 56.

Some of these terms are exemplified in the MS. life of St. Brandon, quoted by Ashmole:

“ This fowles song ek her matyns ; wel right tho it was time,  
And of the Sauter sede vers ; and seithe also prime,  
And undarne seithe, and Midday ; and afterward seith non,  
And ech tyde of the day songe as cristenemen scholde dou.”

*Instit. Garter*, p. 507.

In the foundation of Ewelme, temp. Hen. VI, we find—“ And at .III. at the clokke aftyr mete in the seide worke dayes .II. pelys Ironge with the sede bell, he shall procede in the seide churche to his Even songe, and continue till compleyn be sayde. Except in the tyme of Lentyn, whan aftyr the rewle of the churche evensonge ys sayede a fore none.”—*Hearn; Duo Rerum Anglic. Script., tom. II, p. 551.*

**Howlet Time.**—Twilight, when the owl takes wing. In Middleton's “Witch,” Hecate says:

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" It shall be conveyed in at Howlet time.  
 Take you no care. My spirits know their moments :  
 Raven or screech-owl never fly by th' door  
 But they call in."

**Hox Tuesday.**—(see *Hock Day.*) The custom of hocking, or, as we now call it, hoaxing, on the second Tuesday after Easter, is said, unsatisfactorily, to commemorate the overthrow of the Danes in 1102. Brand, p. 402, quotes the following passage: *Hardeknuo mortuo, liberata est Anglia extunc a servitute Danorum. In cuius signum usque hodie illa die, vulgariter dicta Hoxtuesday, ludunt in villis trahendo cordas partialiter cum aliis jocis.*”—*J. Rossi, Ant. Warwic. Hist., p. 105.*

**Hræd Monath.**—March: V. 424. On þæm þniððan monðe on geare bið an ȝ þriðrig daga. ȝ re monð iñ nemneð on leðen maþtauȝ. ȝ on upe geþeode hƿeð monad (*Menol. Sax., Cott. MS. Jul. A. X.*) Hræd, or hred, as applied to March, is said by some to be merely the adjective *hred*, or *hreth*, *fierce*, in allusion to the boisterous winds at this season :

Maþtauȝ neðe.

March the fierce.

*Cott. MS., Tib. B. I, fo. 110 b.*

Others trace the word to a deity, to whom, as to Eostre in April, sacrifices were made in this month.

**Hugh's Day in Winter.**—Festum Sancti Hugonis, Nov. 17.

**HUGO.**—Nov. 17: E. 459.

**Huicz Tuesday.**—See *Hox Tuesday*.

**Huitième and Huittieve.**—French names of the octave of any festival.

**Humatio.**—The same signification as Incarnation. The great council of London, held in the reign of Henry I, is dated—" Anno divinæ humationis."—*Spelm. Concil, t. II, p. 29.*

**Huyctave.**—Octave. The truce with France, in 1352, was prorogued to the " Huyctaves de Seint Luc Evangeliz."—*Rymer's Federa, t. III, p. 232.*

**HYACINTH.**—See *PROTUS & HYACINTH.*

**Hybernagium.**—The season for sowing winter corn, between Michaelmas and Christmas, as *Trimagium* is the season for sowing the summer corn, in the spring of the year. These words were sometimes taken for the different seasons—at other times, for the different lands on which the several grains were sown, and sometimes for the different corn; thus, *Hybernagium* was applied to wheat and rye, which we still call winter corn, and *Trimagium* to barley and oats, &c., which we term summer corn. These words are likewise written *Ibernagium* and *Thornagium*.—*Jacob, Law Dict.*

**HYLLARIUS, HYLLERE.**—Jan. 13: 461. See *HILLARIUS*.

**Hymera.** For *Hemera*, a day.

**Hypante, Hypanti, Hypanta.**—See the following—

**Hypapantæ, Hypapante, Hypapanti.**—From *ὑπαπάντη, occursus*, the meeting: (*Festum*) " Hypapanti Domini, sive oblatio Christi ad Templum" (*Bed. Oper., t. I, p. 244*). The festival of the Presentation of our Saviour Jesus Christ to the Temple, where he met with St. Simeon, and St. Anne the prophetess; hence the addition, " Hypapante Domini," in Udalric's cus-

toms of Cluny (*lib. I, cap. 11*; *Dacher. Spicil., t. I, p. 649, and elsewhere, fol. edit.*) It is also called “*Festum Sancti Simeonis Candelariae; Sancte Marie Candelariae; Candelariae, Candelarum, Luminum, Festum Purificationis,*” &c., all which are equivalent to the English Candlemas, and celebrated Feb. 2. Paulus Diaconus (*Rom. Hist., l. VI*), Sigebert (in *Chron.*), and Nicephorus (*l. XVII, c. 82*), relate that, in the 8th year of the emperor Justinian, this festival was instituted, in consequence of the earthquake which overthrew Pompeii? Its first name was *Festum Τπαπαντης*, i. e. Obviationis, or the Meeting of Simon in the Temple. In the Western Church it was instituted with its ceremonies, in imitation of the heathen festival, as partly mentioned in the quotation from Mirk’s Festiall, under *Candlemas*. Pluto ravished Proserpine and made her a goddess (which part is imitated in the Assumption), in the beginning of February. Her mother (Ceres) sought her on Mount Etna with lighted torches, and the Roman matrons celebrated this search with processions by night, in which they bore lighted candles and torches, on the kalends of February. In the second place, every fifth year the city was illuminated with tapers and torches, in honor of February, the mother of Mars. Thirdly, during 12 days of this month they sacrificed to Pluto, and other infernal gods, and they rendered divine honors to Juno Februata in the Lupercalia, when women were purified by the Luperci, or priests of Pan and Faunus. These festivals were called *Februa*, not so much because they were celebrated in honor of Februa and Februa, as because they were februa, that is, purifications and expiations of the living and dead. The passage quoted from Mirk’s, in *Candlemas*, appears to be an imitation of the latter part of Jacobus de Voragine’s account: “*Festum istud in honorem matris luminis transtulerunt: ut in ejus honorem deferamus lumina, quae nobis genuit verum lumen: ut jam non fiat in honorem Proserpinæ sponsæ dei infernalis, sed ad honorem sponsæ dei cœlestis. Nec jam fiat ad honorem Februe, matris dei belli, sed ad honorem dei pacis. Jam non fiat ad honorem curiae infernalis, sed ad honorem reginæ omnium angelorum. Et merito translatio ista facta est. Honorabant Romani Proserpinam, ut sic a suo sponso acquiererent gratiam: honorabant Februem ut sic a filio suo impetrarent victoriam: honorabant demones animas punientes, ut inclinarent eos ad misericordiam. Sed ista tria a matre Dei recipimus, scilicet gratiam, misericordiam et victoriam. Et ideo cantat ecclesia ‘Maria mater gratiæ, Mater misericordiæ,’ &c. (*De Sanctis, serm. 82*). Authors are not agreed by whom the Pagan *Luminaria* were transferred into the Christian *Candelaria*: some attribute it to Vigilius, in 583 (*Cent. Magd. VI, col. 673*); Bale (*cent. I, Vit. Vigil.*); Jac. de Vorag. (*loc. cit.*); Gregory the Great; Petr. de Natalibus (*l. III, c. 72*), and Meffreth (*Serm. 1, de Purific.*), ascribe it to Sergius, in 689 or 907. Valerius Anselm Ryd. says that Vigilius instituted the feast, and that Sergius added the procession of candles. Baron. (*Not. ad Mart.*) gives it to Gelasius in 497, when he abrogated the *Lupercalia*, and says that Sergius gave it the litany.—*Hosp. F. C., fo. 42 to 42 b.**

*Ebernagium*.—See *Hybernagium*.

*Ides, Idis, Idus*.—Eight days in every month are so called, and are the eight days immediately after the nones. In the months of March, May, July, and October, these eight days begin at the eighth day of the month, and continue to the 15th day. In other months, they begin at the 16th day, and last to the 13th; but it is observable, that only the last day is called the *Ides*. The first of these *Ides* is the 8th day, the second the 7th, the third the 6th; i.e. the 8th, 7th, or 6th day before the *Ides*—and so it is of the rest of the days. Wherefore, when we speak of the *Ides* of any month in general, it is to be taken for the 15th or 13th day of the month mentioned (*Jacob, Lao Dict.*) To know readily the dates which are indicated by *Ides*, consider how many days there are from the date to the 13th or 15th, adding to it one: *ex. gr.*, Thomas Wikes, an. 1247, dates the translation of St. Edmund on the 5th day before the *Ides* of June (*Gale, tom. II, p. 40*); add 1 to 13, and subtract 5, which will leave 9 for the corresponding day of the month (see *Kalendæ*). “*Idis*,” in Robert of Brunne:

“ þat gere þat he (Edwin) was slain  
His cosyn Osri in the same payn,  
þe geres of crist sex hundredre wore,  
þe pretty gere ȝ thre more,  
þe ferþe day in þe Idis  
Of Octobir, who so it bidis.”

**IGNATIUS**.—Feb. 1. An interpolation in V. 423. A bishop of Antioch, disciple of St. John the Evangelist, and a martyr on this day.—*Petr. de Nat.*, l. III, c. 64.

**IGENATUS**.—Dec. 17: G. 420. This is the translation of Ignatius, mentioned by Evagrius (l. I, c. 16) and Petr. de Natalibus, who makes it 10 kal. Jan. (l. I, c. 73). It began to be celebrated about 450.

**Ignis**.—For *dies*, in the Martyrologium of Wandalbert (*D'Acher.*, tom. V, p. 340):

— hæc fulget tricens ignibus unda;  
Hunc hyemis verisque tenent confinia mensem.

See *Foci*.

**Ignitegium**.—The evening, or 8 o'clock bell—couvre-feu, the curfew: “Quo facto nocte sequente circa ignitegium,” &c.—*Guil. Majoris Ep. Andegav. Gest.*, cap. XX, p. 289, *D'Acher.*

**Hil May Day**.—“1517, the fear of a commotion in London increased with the year, &c. I remember when I was a child, old men would reckon their age from this day, by the name of Hil May Day (*Godwyn's Annals of England, from the year 1508 to 1558, Lond. 1875, p. 21*). He proceeds to describe the riots of the London apprentices, which commenced on May Day eve, and for which nine persons were executed, p. 22. It sometimes occurs in our poets: Mowse, in B. Jonson's *Silent Woman*, says to his visitors, who come with drums and trumpets—“Out of my dores, you sonnes of noise and tumult, begot on an Hil May Day.”—*Act iv, sc. 2*.

**Incarnatio Herilis**.—The Dominical Incarnation, in a charter of A. D. 977 (*Dur Cange, t. III, col. 1360*). This era was established by Dionysius Exiguus,

about the beginning of the 6th century, till which time the era of Dioclesian had been in use. Some time after this, it was considered that the years of a man's life were not numbered from the time of his conception, but from that of his birth, which occasioned the postponement of the beginning of this era for a year, the cycle of Dionysius remaining entire in every thing else. At Rome, they reckon the years from the birth of Christ, 25th Dec., which custom has obtained from the year 1431. In several other countries they also reckon from the Incarnation, but differ as to the day, fixing it, after the primitive manner, not to the day of the birth, but conception of our Saviour. The Florentines retain the day of the birth, and begin the year from Christmas. Joan, the "Fair Maid of Kent," dates her will from this era—from the incarnation, according to the computation of the church of England: "Anno ab incarnatione Domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane mill'mo ccclxxxv, 9 Ric. Aug. 7 (Royal Wills, p. 78: vide p. 96). See *Roman Computation; Years of Christ.*

*Incensio Lunæ.*—The same as *Accensio Lunæ*, which see—but it appears to be applied principally to the new moons of Septuagesima and Easter. Du Cange quotes two or three lines, which he says are found in all the MS. kalendars, as to the first and last day of the paschal full moon (*t. III, col. 1364*):

" vi Id. Januar. Incensio Lunæ Septuagesimalis.  
viii Id. Mart. Prima Incensio Lunæ Paschalis.  
Nonas April. Ultima Incensio Lunæ Paschalis," &c.

The second line alone appears in the Kal. of Arras, 826. In the Computus of the Saxon MS. kal. (*Titus, D. XXVII, fo. 23 b, 24*), are the following rules: "Querenda est quartadecima luna sive nativitas lune quartadecime paschalis ab **viii** idus martii incipit in nonas april. ultima incensio paschalis lune cessabitq. primi mensis initium nouorum ostendit. Ab **xii. kl. april.** usque in **.xix. kl. mai** in quacunq. die **.xix. luna** occurrit, ipsa te ad celebrationem sce. pasche producit. Si u<sup>o</sup> **.xix. lune** ante **.xii. kl. april.** occurrit, hoc est **.xiii. kal. april.** aut' **.xix. aut. v. kl. april.** hoc scito quia paschalis luna non est. Similiter cautus esto ut **.xix. kl. mai** **.xix. luna** non transcendat ad **.xii. kl. aut ad .xi. nam si transcederit** incipies in magnum deduci errorem.

"Sunt autem dies **.xii.** in quibus luna primi mensis non accenditur, ut idus martius **.xii.** idus martius **.xii. kl. april.** **.viii. kl. april.** **.vii. kl. april.** **.xiiii. kl. april.** **.xiiii. nonas april.**

"Si quis inuenire **.xix. lunam**, tene semper in martio **.xxx. vii** regulares et in aprello **.xxx. ii.** et detractis epactis anni presentis **.xix. lunam** inuenies. Si fuerit **.xix. luna** **.i. feria** luna paschalis **.xx. i.** Si secunda feria luna paschalis **.xx.** Si tercia feria luna **.xix. iii.** Si quarta feria luna **.viii.** Si quinta feria luna **.vii.** Si sexta feria luna **.xvi.** Si septima feria luna **.xii.**"

*Inclina, Domine, aurem tuam.*—Introit and name of the 15th Sunday after Pentecost.

*Indiction.*—A revolution of 15 years, which always recommences with unity. They are reckoned separately, like other cycles, with the exception of the olympiads. We know nothing of the origin of this period, nor when nor

why it was established. It is certain that we cannot ascend higher than the time of the emperor Constantine, nor descend lower than that of Constantius.

The first examples that are found in the Theodosian code, are of the reign of the latter, who died in 361. In these first times, it is not easy to fix the years for the Indiction, because all authors do not assign them the same epoch: Some place the first Indiction in 312—the greater number in 313; others in 314, and some in 315. Common opinion makes it 313, and reckon one for this year, two for the following, and so on to 328, when the same operation recommences.

Three sorts of Indictions are commonly distinguished: the first is that of Constantinople, which began with September. The Greek and French monarchs used it, and a charter of Henry I is extant, in which the Indiction is taken from September.

The second sort of Indiction, more common among the French and English, is the imperial, or Constantinian. It receives the latter name, because it is attributed to Constantine. Another name is Cœsarean, derived from its use by the Western emperors. Its commencement is fixed at Sept. 24.

The third sort began Dec. 25, or Jan. 1, accordingly as one or other day was the first of the year. The popes, particularly after Gregory VII, often employed it in their bulls, in consequence of which it is called Roman, or pontifical. It was not unknown in France, for it is found in ancient writers and diplomatists in the dynasty of the Carlovingians, and was almost the only one followed in Dauphiny in the fourteenth century.

Besides these three, there was a fourth in the registers of the Parliament of Paris, which commences from October. In the new "Traité de Diplomatique" (t. V. p. 238), it appears that Gregory VII introduced a new Indiction, beginning from the 25th of March. A sixth Indiction, commencing at Easter, is pretended to have been observed. This opinion is founded on the dates of two privileges of Innocent II. The first is, "Datum apud Campelium—3 non. Martii, indict. 15, incarn. Dom. anno 1138, Pontif. vero Innocent., PP. anno 9." The second ends thus: "Datum apud Lateranum, kal. Maii, indict. 1, incarn. Dom. anno 1138, Pontif. vero D. Innocent. pp. a° 9." It is certain that the Indiction 15, according to the five manners of beginning it, belongs to the year 1137. Is it a new species, or a fault in the papal chancellor?

Mistakes of the date of the Indiction are not peculiar to Innocent II; during the whole year 1207, the chancellor of Innocent III constantly put the ninth Indiction for the tenth in his bulls. This mistake is also very frequent, and, therefore, does not prejudice the authenticity of the charters in which it is found.

The first year of every cycle of the Indiction is called Indiction 1, and so on to 15. On ascending from 312, we find that the first year of Christ should have been the fourth Indiction, if this manner of computing had been then in use; whence it follows that, to find the Indiction of any year of Christ, 3 must be added to the given number, and, dividing the sum by 15, the remainder is the Indiction sought. If nothing remain, the Indiction is 15 (see *Art de Verif. les Dates*, t. I, p. 36-8). The following rule is found in Bede's "Canones Lunares," and may be compared with the rules inserted

from Saxon MSS., in v. I, p. 394. "Si nosse uis, quotus sit annus ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jesus Christi, scito quo fuerint ordines Indictionum, utputa quinto anno Tyberij principis 46. hos per 15 multiplica flunt 600. adde regulares 12. quia quarta indictione secundum Dionysum Dominus natus est : et indictione anni cui uolueris. utputa in praesenti una flunt 703. Isti sunt anni Natuitatis Domini" (*Bed. Oper.*, t. I, p. 373). A few examples of dates, from the Indiction, may not be useless:

The Council of Rome, held towards June, 342, is dated Indiction xv, and it is the first time the date of the Indiction was used by the Latins. The Council of Narbonne is dated June 27, 788, 23 Caroli Magni anno, Indict. 12. The year 788 was only the 20th year of Charlemagne, and the Indiction was 11; the council is, therefore, presumed to have been held in 791 (see the Hist. of Councils, in *L'Art de Verif. les Dates*, t. II, p. 33). The bull of Eugene III, granting privileges to St. Peter's, Westminster, is dated thus: "Dat' Kantisberi per manum Roberti, &c. cancell. viii id. Martii, Indictione ix. Incarn. Dni an. MCXLV. Pontif. vero Domini Eugenii III. Papae anno 2" (*Rymer*, t. I, p. 15). The dates of the Indiction and Pontificate do not agree with the year 1145, of which the Indiction is 8; 1145 is only the 1st year of Eugenius III, who was elected March 4 of that year. It is evident that the chancellor reckoned his years from March 25, for March 18, the date of the bull, would, in 1146, be counted from Jan. 1, the second year, and the Indiction 9 agrees with this year. Another bull of the same pope is dated Indiction xi, year 1147, and of his pontificate, 3 (*Ibid.*) The Indiction is that of 1148, and that year, from March 4, is the third of the pontificate. In a declaration of the privileges of Worcester, dated at Lambeth, "10 die Januarii, anno ab Incarn. Dom.—1386, Indict. 10, Pontif. Urbani VI anno 9" (*Dugd. Monast. Angl.*, t. I, p. 619). It may be remarked that Leo IX, who held the pontificate from 1048 to 1049, sometimes began the Indiction Sept. 1, and sometimes Jan. 1; and Celestine III often began it with the year from March 25.

**Indictum.**—The fair "du Lendit," or of the Indictum, established at St. Denis in France by Charles the Bald, anciently commenced on Wednesday, in the second week of June. There are ancient charters which are dated before or after it. Urban II, in 1096, established a Lendit at Angers, for the anniversary of the dedication of the church of St. Nicholas, on Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 10 of that year. The burning of the bridge of Angers is dated "1145, Sabbatum post Indictum," i.e. February 16.

**Indistanter.**—Without delay. Dr. Fuller was strangely puzzled with this word in Matt. Paris (*an.* 1242, p. 595): "Statim post dedicationem ecclesiae Sancti Pauli Londinensis, ut peregrinantes hinc inde, indistanter remearent." He translates this passage thus: "Presently after the dedication of St. Paul's in London, that pilgrims and travellers up and down might indistantly return;" and he adds, "What is meant by the barbarous word *indistanter*? and what benefit accrued to travellers thereby? I will not so much as conjecture" (*Hist. Waltham Abbey*, p. 21). The word means literally, *not distantly*, with respect to time; and in this sense it is used by Matt. Westmon., *ad ann.* 1244.

**Indulgences, Indulgentiae.**—These are remissions of the punishment due to sin, granted by the priests of Rome for some consideration. Mabillon found

an indulgence that had been granted before the 9th century (*Iter Ital.*, t. I, p. 69). The sale of Indulgences has been denied, but the proofs are incontrovertible—and, indeed, some Roman catholics admit its existence, when they censure the practice (*Polyd. Verg.*, l. VIII, c. i, p. 457). “These abuses,” says Dr. Wiseman, “were most strongly condemned by Innocent III in the Council of Lateran, in 1130, by Innocent IV in that of Lyons, in 1245, and still more pointedly and energetically by Clement V, in the Council of Vienna, in 1311. The Council of Trent, by an ample decree, completely reformed the abuses which had subsequently crept in, and had been unfortunately used as a ground for Luther’s separation from the church” (*Lect. 12*). The objection of Protestants to the granting of Indulgences at all, is the impiety of assuming a divine attribute. The term is sometimes found in dates, where it appears to be equivalent to octaves, Indulgences being frequently the reward of those who worship a particular saint on the octaves of his festival. Thus, Jean Vinart, who in 1467 transcribed a large volume, containing a commentary of Scotus on the 4th book of P. Lombard, wrote at the end of his MS., now in the Vatican, the words, “Ego, Johannes Vinard, studens Parisiensis, incepi scribere ibidem hunc quantum circa Festum S. Remigii, et finivi illum post indulgentias S. Dionysii in quadragesima, eadem hebdomada,” i.e. he began to write about the feast of Remigius, and finished on the Indulgences of Dionysius in Lent, in the same week. The feast of Remigius is Oct. 1, and that of Dionysius Oct. 9, which is too short a time for one man to copy this commentary. The Lent mentioned by Vinard is that of St. Martin in Winter (*suprà, Advent*, p. 3), which lasted from the 17th October to the 11th of November, or twenty-five days, which, added to the 17th Oct. (the octaves of Dionysius), beginning the work from the feast of Remigius, make 42 days, in which time Vinart might complete his labour. It is, therefore, evident, that Indulgences are here synonymous with octaves.—see M. Pourgard, *Mag. Encycl.*, an 1800, t. V, p. 97, et an 1810, t. I, p. 383.

**In excelsis Throno.**—Introit, and name of the first Sunday after Epiphany. In the Greek church, Κυριακή μερα τα φωτα, i.e. Sunday after the baptism of Christ, which they call Φωτισμον, illumination, and the feast itself τα ἀγια φωτα, the holy illuminations, or ημερα, and εορτη των ἀγιων φωτων, the day, and the feast of the holy illuminations.

**Infantes.**—Childermas Day: G. 420. This is the term used in the kal. of Carthage, “Sanctorum Infantum quos Herodes occidit” (*Mabill.*, *Anal. Vet.*, p. 167). The festival is mentioned by Origen.—*Hom. 2 in Matt.*

**In Loco Sancto.**—See *Deus in Loco*.

**Innocentes, Innocenz (seinz).**—The first is Latin and Engl., the second Fr. Childermas Day, the feast of the Holy Innocents, Dec. 28: L. 472. “Gode crysten chyldren, þt day ys kalled in holy chyrch Innocentes Day, þt ys en englysshe chyldremas Day, for chyldren þt were slayne for Crystes loue, þey ben kalled Innocentes, þt ys w/out nye for þey weren not nybe to god, for god is eu’ nyed w’t pride ‘t ageynstondethe prowde men.”—*Cott. MS. Claud.*, A. II, fo. 21.

**Innocentum Dies.**—V. 433; T. 446. Childermas Day, in a charter of Edward the Confessor: “Acta apud Westmonasterium v kalendas Januarii die Sanctorum Innocentium anno Dominicæ Incarnationis 1066, Indict. III”

(*Monast. Anglie.*, t. I, p. 62). According to our reckoning, the date is Dec. 28, 1065; but the writer of the charter computed the new year from Christmas, the indiction 3 agreeing with that year.

**Intempestum.**—The third vigil, which occurs between *Gallicinium* and *Antelucinum*, is so called.—*Durand. de Nocturnis*.

**Inter Canem et Lupum.**—Between the Dog and the Wolf. This was a phrase formerly used in criminal proceedings, to express an act committed in the twilight, as in *Trin.*, 7 *Edw. I*, *Glowc. Rot.* 6: “ Unde cum appellat quod die Martis proxima post festum S'ci Georgii anno regni regis nunc vi inter canem et lupum venisset prædictus Johannes ad villam,” &c. (*Abbreviat. Placitor.*, p. 270). A poetical expression itself, it has been employed in poetry by Guillaume le Bréton :

“ Postea vix summos aurora rubescere montes  
Fecerat, et valles nondum primordia lucis  
Attigerant, atque canem distare lupumque  
Nullus adhuc poterat aliquo discernere visa.”

*Philippid.*, l. III, ap. *Spelm. Gloss.*, p. 114.

**Inter duo Carnisprivia.**—The days of Quinquagesima Week. See *Carniprum*, &c.

**Interlunium.**—The space of thirty days between the old and new moon. It occurs in a charter of Goda, a Saxon thane, temp. Edw. Conf.: “ Post interlunium temporis prædicti” (*Monast. Angl.*, t. III, p. 121; see *Du Cange, sub voce*). It is a classical word, and used for the darkness of the night at the change of the moon :

“ Flebis, in solo levis angiportu  
Thracio bacchante magis sub inter-  
Lunæ vento.”

*Hor.*, I, *Od.* 25, v. 10.

**Interrogans Jesum Dives.**—See *Dominica de Interrogante*, &c.

**Intersticio Lunæ.**—The same as *Interlunium*.

**Introit.**—The first words of the service at mass, which are very frequently used in dates of the day. In the Ambrosian ritual it is called the *Ingressum*, which has the same meaning, and merely denotes the entrance of the priest to the altar during the chant of the words. The custom was introduced by Cœlestine, who selected the psalms for this purpose; and Gregory afterwards composed the anthems which are used in the same manner.—*Card. Bona, de Reb. Liturg.*, l. II, c. 11, s. 1.

**Invencion (La) de Saint Esteuene.**—The discovery of St. Stephen's relics. Aug. 3: L. 468. See *Inventio S. STEPHANI*.

**Invencion of the Cros in May.**—(*Past. Lett.*, v. III, p. 116). See *Inventio S. Crucis*.

**Inventio Capitis S. JOHANNIS Præcursoris.**—The discovery of St. John's Head is Feb. 24, in Bede's Martyrology.

**Inventio Clavorum Dominicorum.**—The Discovery of our Lord's Nails, with which he was nailed to the cross, is May 7: “ Non. Madii.”—*Kal. Mozarab. Hodiern.*, ap. *Pinium*.

**Inventio Corporis S. DIONYSII.**—The Discovery of the Body of Dionysius, April 22: V. 425. I have found no mention of this festival elsewhere.

**Inventio Sanctæ Crucis.**—May 3 among the Latins; March 6 among the Greeks of the middle age. The modern Greeks celebrate it with the Exaltation of the Cross, of which the festival commemorates the pretended discovery by the empress Helena, in 307 or 326. Thomassin says that it was observed as early as the 8th century; and probably it may have been earlier. The Egyptians celebrated on the 19th of the month Pachon (May 14), first the loss, and then the discovery of Osiris. Marching in procession to the sea-side, they bore the sacred chest, containing a boat of gold, into which they poured water, and exclaimed, “Osiris is found! Osiris is found!” (*Plut. de Isid. et Osir.*, c. 39) To this superstition Juvenal refers :

“ Exclamare libet populus quod clamat Osiri  
Invento.” *Sat. VIII, v. 29.*

In much the same manner, the papists address the piece of wood in a hymn, commencing—

“ Salve Crux Sancta,”

and containing the following expressions, of which one knows not whether the puerility or the blasphemy predominate: “Hail, holy cross! hail, glory of the world, our true hope, bringing true joys to us! Thou, wood of life, art the sign of salvation, and our safety in dangers; bearing the life of all men; by thee cross to be worshipped, quickening cross—by thee redeemed, sweet glory of the age, we always praise thee, we always sing to thee; by thee, piece of wood, slaves and freemen, &c. (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 88.) Robert of Gloucester mentions the pretended discovery of this supposed relic, of which there are more remains than would suffice to build a large navy. Speaking of the emperor Constantine, he says :

“ Tho sende he seynt Elene ys moder þat wys was y kud  
To Jerusalem to seche þe croys, þat þere was y hud.  
So þat it was þer y found þe bygynge of þe May  
As ge habbeþ ofte yherd, þe holy rode day.” *Chron., I, p. 87.*

Hospinian observes, that ‘ Helen might have mistaken the cross of one of the two thieves for that of our Saviour; to this it is answered, that she knew it by the label upon it: another says that she found it between the thieves’ crosses: another, with more faith, says that it was discovered to her by a miracle; but all agree that she had some trouble in finding it. The whole affair is truly ridiculous.’—*Hosp., ibid., fo. 84.*

**Inventio Ligni.**—The Discovery of the Wood, the same as the cross per metonymy. May 3: G. 405.

**Inventio S. STEPHANI.**—The Discovery of St. Stephen’s relics, Aug. 3: G. 411; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. This is pretended to have taken place in 416, along with the bones of Nicholas and Gamaliel. The discoverer was Lucian of Jerusalem.—*August., Serm. 51; Durand. de Off., l. VII, c. 21; Hosp. de F. C., fo. 126.*

**Invocabit me.**—For the introit, “ Invocavit me,” in *Statuta S. Claudi*, an. 1448: “ Post dominicam, qua cantatur Invocabit me.”

**Invocante me.**—Probably for the same introit. It occurs in a French decree, dated “Anno Domini 1283, feria 4 post Invocante me, dicta die videlicet

**Dom. Rege Phillipo ex una parte, et Dom. Rege Sicilie ex altera," &c.—  
Du Cange, t. I, c. 545.**

**Invocavit me.**—Introit and name of Quadragesima Sunday, or the first in Lent. A German charter of 1463 is dated, Monday after the Sunday of Invocavit, or February 19: “ Gegeuen na Godes gebort verteynhundert Iar, dar na in deme dre vnde sestigsten Iare, ane Mandaye na deme Sondage Invocauit.”—Baring, *Clav. Diplomat.*, No. LVIII, p. 592. See *Brandomus Dominica Orthodoxie, Quintana*.

**In Voluntate Tua.**—Introit and name of the twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost.

**ISIDORE, ISIDORUS.**—Jan. 2: G. 397. There are several martyrs and priests of this name—1, bp. of Antioch, Jan. 2 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult., n. 26); 2, of Pelusium, a recluse, 449, Feb. 4; 3, bp. of Seville, 636, Apr. 4 (*Ibid.*, l. IV, c. 30); 4, the Labourer, martyr, 1130, observed in Spain and the Isle of Chio, May 15; and, 5, the Patron of Madrid, 1170, May 10.

**Isti sunt Dies.**—Sunday in Passion Week, so called from the processions.

**Ive's Day.**—Probably Ivo's or Ivor's Day, April 25, commemorating an Irish bishop of the year 500 (*Britan. Sancta*, p. i, p. 266). In the copy of a MS. chron., temp. Edw. III, “ The day before St. Iwe's Day, there began, &c., in the court of a keeper of the brewhouse of St. Albans, &c., and not long after, to wit, 15 cal. Jun.”—*Archæol.*, v. XXII, p. 280.

**LURIGIUS, Confessor.**—Oct. 8: V. 431; T. 444.

**I yeve.**—I give; the *datum* of the will of Henry IV.

**JACOB.**—St. James with St. Philip, May 1 (see **JACOBUS, and PHILIP & JAMES**): “ Seint Phelip & seint Jacob apostles.” L. 465. The death of Matilda, queen of Henry I, is thus dated by Robert of Gloucester (v. II, p. 496):

“ þo deyde Mold þys god quene, enlene hondred gere  
And eýgþeþe after þat god anerþe alyȝte here.  
At Westmynstre ȝoe way yburid a Seyn Phyllippes day  
And Seyn Jacob, as hyt valþ þe vorst day of May.”

According to our reckoning, beginning the year from Jan. 1, Matilda died May 1, 1119; but Robert of Gloucester began the 1118 at March 25, and counted to the following Lady Day, which was March 25, 1119, by modern computation.

**JACOBUS, Domini Frater.**—James, our Lord's brother, July, 25: G. 410. James the apostle, V. 428; T. 441; E. 455. Respecting James the Greater, as he is sometimes called, see *Petr. de Natal.* (*Catal. Sanctorum*, l. VI, c. 138). Hospinian says that he was canonized by Urban II, in 1090, but he is probably mistaken (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 16 b), for the festival, with that of Zebedee, the brother of St. John, occurs in the Kal. Arras, 826. The battle of Bovines in 1214, between Philip of France and the emperor Otho, is dated on Sunday next after the feast of St. James, July 27: “ Die dominica proxima post festum Sancti Jacobi eo anno vij kal. Augusti” (*Chron. de Mailros*, p. 187); in the Gr. church, his festival is April 30. Others of this name were, 1, James with Luke, March 15, G. 401; 2, June 22, G. 408;

3, James the Less, with Philip, May 1; 4, J. with Mariana and other martyrs in Numidia, 259, Apr. 30; 5, a bishop of Nisibis, 350, July 15 (in Gr. ch. Oct. 31); 6, a martyr in Persia, called *Jacobus Intercisus*, 421, Nov. 27; 7, J. de la Marca, of Ancona, 478, Nov. 28; 8, a recluse in Berri, 865, Nov. 19; 9, J. of Sclovonia, or Illyrica, 1485, Apr. 20.

**JAKES**—Probably James the Persian martyr, called *Jacobus Intercisus*, Nov. 27:

“ Seint Jakes in þe lond of peroc. of gret hue men com.  
Sone he let þe false lawe. ‘ toc to cristendom.’ ”

*Cott. MS., Julius, D. IX, fo. 199 b.*

**JAMB le Apostle**.—July 25: L. 467.

**JAMYS**.—July 25: “ Gode men suche a day ge schul haue seynt Jamys day goddys holy apostyl, wherfore ge schul fastou þe euyn & þe morowen come to chyreh & worchep god and hys holy apostul.”—*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II, fo. 91 b.*

**Januaria Æra**.—See *Æra Januaria*, p. 6,—and correct the error in spelling.

**JANUARIUS**.—Nov. 19: G. 418. Of this name, Petrus de Natalibus has—1, pr. & mart., May 10; 2, mart., June 8; 3, mart., July 10; 4, mart., July 11; 5, m., July 15; 6, bp. & m., Aug. 6; 7, bp. & m., Sept. 14—m., Oct. 13; 8, pr. & m., Oct. 24. In this list, No. 7 is Januarius, bp. of Benevento, who was martyred with his companions in 302 or 305; but his day is Sept. 19. It occurs in the Sax. Menol. (*Jul. A. X*), and there is the following entry in the Kalendar of Carthage, probably referring to him: “ .... Cal. Oct. sancti Januarii martyris” (*Mabillon, Veter. Analect.*, p. 651). Sir W. R. S. Cockburn, in his *Massacre of St. Bartholomew*, 1839, writes as follows:—“ The last and most striking instance of the many heathen practices still fully sanctioned by the church of Rome, and which, like many of the previous ones, came under my own view, was the celebrated miracle of St. Januarius, performed upon certain days annually at Naples. I had as good an opportunity of witnessing that famous imposture as could be afforded, for I was admitted within the rails of the altar, to the side of the priest who performed it. The following is a sketch of the exhibition:—The worshippers, some of whom I understood were drilled as fugelmen, the rest being in readiness, the ‘ graven image’ of St. Januarius was brought in with ceremony, and deposited upon the altar; it is a bust as large as life, composed of silver gilt, and it is said to contain the embalmed head of the saint himself. A splendid mitre was set upon its head, jewels were hung round its neck, and a richly-embroidered robe was placed over the body. The officiating priest then held up a bottle, upon the inside of which was a substance resembling congealed blood. The multitude thereupon falling upon their knees, raised their hands and eyes towards the idol, earnestly imploring it to perform the miracle of melting the blood. Whilst the people unceasingly vociferated a strange medley of prayers, and even upbraidings and threats of the most absurd description when the miracle was delayed, the priest seemed, to my heretical notions, to be striving his best to supply to the bottle the warmth necessary to liquefy, what I fancied might be a chemical blood-like substance, soluble by heat. For the priest continued incessantly rubbing the bottle with his hands, cherishing it in his bosom, pressing it to

the fervid lips and foreheads of the worshippers, and holding it to a candle which was burning on the altar. Whether it was, as the infallible church teaches, that ‘old yellow-face,’ the familiar name by which his particular friends take the liberty to call him, did indeed listen to the prayers of his worshippers, and exert his own miraculous influence on that occasion, or whether my heretical notions were right, certain it is, that after about five and twenty minutes’ earnest prayer on the part of both priests and people, the blood was discovered to be liquefied. Thereupon, some of the worshippers shouted, and others shed tears of joy; and a huge full-grown officer of the royal household, who was the only person besides the priests and myself within the rails of the altar, fell upon his knees, devoutly kissed the miraculous bottle, and, after sobbing over it like a child, hastened off, to bear the good tidings to the king and the great ministers of state, who forthwith put all the bells and cannon of the city into requisition, in order to announce the glorious event. The priest of Pozzuoli, near Naples, told me that they possessed the sacred stone upon which that martyr, St. Januarius, was beheaded, in the amphitheatre of that place; and they also asseverated that, when the above miracle is performed at Naples, the drops of blood run about most nimbly upon the stone at Pozzuoli. But, upon my very naturally proposing to come next day to see this miracle also, they civilly declined the compliment.” Dr. Middleton says of this astonishing exhibition of priestly rascality, and papist ignorance, superstition and idolatry, that “the melting of St. Januarius’s blood at Naples whenever it is brought to his head, which is done with great solemnity on the day of his festival (*Aring. Rom. Subterrani.*, l. I, c. 18), whilst at other times it continues dry and congealed in a glass phial, is one of the standing and most authentic miracles of Italy. Yet Addison, who saw it twice performed, assures us that, instead of appearing a real miracle, he thought it one of the most bungling tricks he had ever seen. Mabillon’s account seems to solve it very naturally, without the help of a miracle (*Iter Ital.*, p. 106), for during the time that a mass or two are celebrated in the church, the other priests are tampering with the phial of blood, which is suspended in such a situation, that as soon as any part of it begins to melt by the heat of their hands, it drops of course into the lower side of the glass, which is empty; upon the first discovery of which, the miracle is proclaimed aloud, to the great joy and edification of the people. But by what way soever it be effected, it is nothing but the copy of the old cheat of the same kind mentioned by Horace, in the journey to Brundusium, telling us how the priests would have imposed upon him and his friends at Gnatia, persuading them that the frankincense in the temple used to dissolve miraculously, without the aid of fire—*Sat. v, v. 98*” (*Lett. from Rome*). The reflection of the pagan poet upon this miracle is sensible:—

“ \_\_\_\_\_ credat Judæus apella,  
Non ego : namque Deos didici securum agere ævum,  
Nec, si quid miri faciat natura, Deos id  
Tristes ex alto coeli demittere tecto.”

“ Ay, let the Jews believe it if they please,  
Not I, I know the Gods must live at ease :  
Nor when strong Nature does some wonders shew,  
Can I believe they meddle here below.”

Creech.

At Rome, Sir W. Cockburn says they exhibit some marble steps, said have been brought from Pilate's palace, spotted, as the priests declare, with the drops of blood which fell from the blessed thorn-pressed brow, as our Redeemer descended them to suffer on the cross!

**Januer, Janver.**—January, in the date of a royal commission granted by Richard III: “ Yeuen at Wendesore the xiii day of Januer A° ij<sup>do</sup>” (*Harl. MS. 433, fo. 201 b*). The will of Henry IV bears this date: “ I yeve at my manere of Greenwich, the xxi day of the moneth of Janver, in the year of oure Lord MCCCCVII, and of our reigne the tenth.”

**JASQUES & PHILIPPE.**—James and Philip, May 1, in the date of the prorogation of the truce between England and France: “ Donnes en noz Tentes entre Calays and Guynes, l'endemein de la Seint Jasques and Seint Philippe, le ii jour du moiz du May, l'an de Grace mill' ccc quarante et neuf.”—*Rymer, Fædera*, t. III, p. 185.

**S. JEAN de Collaces.**—The Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Aug. 29, so called in the *Hist. de la Maison d'Auv.* (t. III, p. 295), from the Latin name of this festival (see *Festum Decollationis S. JOHANNIS Baptiste*, p. 156). A clerical error of a similar kind appears in the battle-roll of Broughbridge: “ Le Counte de Lancastre fust de colec.”—*Parliamentary Writs, and Writs of Military Summons, Append.* 188.

**Jejunandi Temporis Adortus.**—The Beginning of the Time of Fasting, Feb. 8: G. 399. This is the earliest day on which Quadragesima Sunday can fall.

**Jejunia.**—Fasts, so called from *jejunum*, the intestine in the lower part of the stomach, between the *cæcum* and the *rectum*.

**Jejunia Legitima.**—The lawful fasts, or those of the four seasons, the Quater Temper, Quatuor Tempora, &c. (see *Ember Days & Embring Days*.) The term occurs in the computus of the Saxon kalendar, *Cott. MS. Titus, D. XXVII, fo. 13 b*.

“ Ieuinia legitima .IVI<sup>er</sup>. Sunt iN .IVI<sup>er</sup>. Anni Temporibus.

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**IN VERO.**—Primum in quadragesima in prima ebdomada .IVI<sup>er</sup>. feria. & .VI. feria. et Sabbato .XII. lectiones.

**IN ESTATE.**—Secundum in ebdomada Pentecostes .IVI<sup>er</sup>. feria. & .VI. feria. & Sabbato .XII. lectiones.

**IN AVTUMNO.**—Tertium in ebdomada plena ante sequinoccium autunale .IVI<sup>er</sup>. feria et .VI. feria. et Sabbato .XII. lectiones.

**IN HIEME.**—Quartum in ebdomada plena ante natale domini .IVI<sup>er</sup>. feria. et .VI. feria. et Sabbato .XII. lectiones.”

**Jejunia Quatuor.**—The four fasts in the year, as above.

**Jejunia Temporalia.**—The fasts of the four seasons. The following metrical rule, of which the first verse is nearly the same as the first in the rule quoted from the Synod of Worcester, under *Angariae*, p. 14, is given by Du Cange:

“ Vult Crux,<sup>a</sup> Lucia,<sup>b</sup> Cinis,<sup>c</sup> Charismata dies,<sup>d</sup>  
Quod det vota pia quarta sequens feria.”

\* *Exaltation of the Cross, Sept. 14:*    <sup>b</sup> *St. Lucia's Day, Dec. 13.*    <sup>c</sup> *First Sunday in Lent.*    <sup>d</sup> *Sunday of Pentecost.*

The ember fasts begin on the Wednesday after each of these days.

**Jejunium.**—A fast (see *Jejunia*). Plutarch says that the priests of Isis abstained from pulse, mutton and pork, and on solemn festivals they excluded salt from their meals, deeming it impure (*De Isid. & Osiride*, cap. 5). They also abstained from all sorts of fish, and on the first day of the ninth month, when all the Egyptians were obliged, by their religion, to eat a fried fish before the doors of their houses, the priests only burned it.—*Ib.*, c. 7.

**Jejunium *Aestivale*.**—The Summer Fast, beginning the Wednesday of Whitsun week.

**Jejunium *Autumnale*.**—The ember days after the Exaltation, Sept. 14.

**Jejunium *Banni*, or *Bannitum*.**—The Fast of the Bann, or ordinance, and so called from the public edict by which it was established. It is mentioned in the Council of Mayence, in 1023. The canon of these fasts is expressed in the following ancient verse :

“ Post *Salus et Misericordia Domini*, tibi erunt jejunia banni.”

*Haltaus, Cal. Med. Aevi*, p. 93.

That is, after the Sundays called *Salus Populi* and *Misericordia Domini*, the first being the nineteenth after Pentecost, and the latter, Sunday after Low Sunday. The fasts were held on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each of those weeks.

**Jejunium *Decimi Mensis*.**—The Fast of the tenth month, or that of December, counted from March.

**Jejunium *Hiemale*.**—Winter Fast, after St. Lucia, Dec 13.

**Jejunium *Magnum*.**—The Great Fast, is the same as the *Jejunium Bannitum*.

**Jejunium *observatum Tribus Diebus*.**—The Fast observed for Three Days, was a Gothic institution. In a fragment of a Mozarabic kalendar, at “iii non. Jan.,” are the words, “Jejunium observatur tribus diebus,” whence it is probable that it included the 3rd of January and the two following days.

**Jejunium *Primi Mensis*.**—The Fast of the First Month, or that of March, which month began the year.

**Jejunium *Quarti Mensis*.**—The Fast of the Fourth Month, or June.

**Jejunium *Vernale*.**—The Spring Fast; the ember days of Quadragesima Week.

**Jeneuer.**—January, in old Engl.: “Amidde Jeneuer.—*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 530.

**Jenueer.**—January, old Fr. L. 461.

**Jenyuer.**—“The vourtethe day of Jenyuer” (January 14).—*Robert of Glouc.*, p. 408.

**Jeodi.**—Thursday, in our old Fr. records: “Le Jeodi apres la Seynte Lucie, 1288” (*Rymer, Fœd.*, t. III, p. 619). See *Jeudy*; *Joedy*; *Joefdy*; *Joeudie*; *Joeudy*.

**JEROM.**—St. Jerome. See **JERONIMUS**.

**JEROMIN le Prestre.**—St. Jerome the Priest, Sept. 30: L. 469.

**JERONIMUS.**—St. Jerome, Sept. 30: G. 414. The celebrated father of the church, 420. His works were printed in nine volumes at Paris, in 1628. He is also called Hieronimus. To him the church is indebted for some services in the mass, to which the ancient Metrical Festivals of the Church refers :—

“ Sein Jerom was suiþe god clerç. ȝ wis þorou al þing.

Moche he made of godes seruice. þ men doþ in cherche singe.”

*Cott. MS., Julius D. IX, fo. 134.*

**JERONOMUS**, Presbyter.—The same. E. 457.

**Jerusalem**—See *Dominica de Jerusalem*; *Dominica Jerusalem*.

**Jesuits' Day**.—August 6. “On Monday, the anniversary of Jesuits' Day was observed with its usual solemnity in the loyal city of Exeter. The origin of the celebration is as follows:—In 1547, Edward VI having been called to the throne at nine years of age, his uncle the Duke of Somerset was appointed Protector, and entrusted with his education. The Duke instilled into the youthful monarch's mind a dislike to the religion and customs of the church of Rome. Masses were abolished, images were suppressed, the liturgy were admitted to the cup, and the common prayer and the liturgy were corrected. In consequence of this reformation, a rebellion was fomented by the monks, and broke out in Devonshire. At Sandford Courtney, the inhabitants refused to admit the new liturgy, and they were supported by others. The magistrates in vain attempted to suppress the disturbance. The rebels strengthened Crediton, blockaded the city of Exeter, and, making a stand at St. Mary Clist, burned the gates, and attempted to starve the citizens, who had dug ditches within the walls to prevent their entrance. The rebels were ultimately attacked in their rear, and totally defeated; and the magistrates, in gratitude to the Almighty, ordained the 6th of August to be kept as a day of thanksgiving” (*Cambrian for August 18, 1838*). See *Jesus Day*.

**Jesus Day**.—Aug. 6. This is no doubt the same as Jesuits' Day; but Gough gives a different account of it, as well as a different name: “The city of Exeter, for its opposition to Perkin Warbeck, received great commendation from Henry VI, who gave it his sword and a cap of maintenance. For his deliverance from the Cornish rebels, August 6 is annually observed as a day of thanksgiving, and commonly called Jesus Day.”—*Camden's Britannia*, by Gough, v. I, p. 36.

**Jeudi**.—Thursday, from “Jovis dies.” *Le Grand Jeudi*; *le Jeudi Saint*; Holy or Maundy Thursday, which is also called *le Jeudi Blanc*, because white bread is distributed to the poor in several churches, after the ceremony of the Mandatum, or washing their feet (see *Dies Mandati*); *le Jeudi Gras*, Thursday in carnival week, which the Italians call *Giove di Grasso*.

**Jeudi Absolu**.—See *Dies Jovis Absoluti*.

**Jeudi Magnificat**.—Midlent Thursday, so called in Picardy, from the first words of the collect on that day.

**Jeux Fleureux de Toulouse**.—The Floral Games of Toulouse are celebrated in May, where poets are crowned with flowers.

**Joannée, or Jouannée**.—In France, the eve of St. John (June 23), when bonfires, called “*Les Feux de St. Jean*,” were lighted. See v. I, p. 300.

**JOANNES**.—See **JOHANNES**, or **JOHN**.

**JOBANUS**.—March 12. See **JULIANUS**.

**JODOC**.—See **JUDOC**.

**Joedy**.—Thursday, in our Fr. records. The truce between England and France, in 1348, is dated thus: “Donez en nos tentes, entre Guynes & Caleys, le Joedy apres la feste Seint Martin ; c'estassavoir le xviii joor de Novembre, l'an de Grace mil trois-cent quarant et oyt” (*Rymer, Fœder.*, t. III, p. 178). Thursday after the St. Martin's feast fell, in that year, on the 13th of November. It is a mere clerical error, as appears from the recital of the date, in the prorogation of this truce at Pentecost, 1340: “Come es trewes, derre-

nierement priés, c'est assavoir le treisième jour du mois de Novembre, l'an mil ccc quarante et huit."—*Ibid.*, p. 184.

**Joeify.**—Thursday, in our old Fr. records. In a letter from Edward III to the Black Prince, on his proceedings in Flanders, in 1339, he says that, on Monday morning, there came letters from the commander of the French cross-bowmen, mentioning, among other things, "q'il lnydурroit bataille dedeing le Joeify proschein suiant."—*Rymer, Feder.*, t. III, p. 339.

**Joedie.**—Thursday.—*1 Hen. VII*, 5 a.

**Joeudy.**—For *Jeudi*, in Ville Hardouin. It seems to resemble the *Joeify* above.

**JOHAN de Beouerleye.**—St. John of Beverley, May 7: L. 465.

**JOHAN devant la Porte de Arseyn.**—St. John before the arsenal gate, May 6: L. 465.—See *Johannes ante Portam Latinam*.

**JOHAN le Baptist.**—June 24: L. 466. "Seint Johan le Baptiste."—*Stat. 2 Hen. VI*, c. 11.

**JOHANNES Albus.**—St. John the Baptist, June 24.

**JOHANNES, S., Apost. ante Portam Latinam.**—St. John the Apostle before the Latin Gate, May 6: G. 405; V. 426; T. 439; E. 453. The Evangelist is so called, because he is said to have been cast, on this day, into a cauldron of boiling oil, before the gate of this name (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 134). So called from the fable, that St. John the Evangelist being sent a prisoner to Rome, and refusing to worship idols, was cast into a cauldron of boiling oil (*Dresser, de Fest. Dieb.*, p. 101). The legend says it was done by order of Domitian. It was before his exile to the Isle of Patmos, and indeed that veracious history adds, that he came out of the vessel unhurt. "At a Court of Hustings of pleas of land, held *die lunæ prox. post Sancti JOHANNIS ante Portam Latinam, anno regni Regis Edw. fl. Edw. 16*, a letter was received from His Majesty, desiring them to admit one Anthony Citron, merchant, unto the freedom, &c. And some time after, scilicet, *die lunæ, prox. post Festum Saneti Augustini anno prædicto*, comes the said Anthony," &c.—*MS. Lib. Alb. Papyr.*, in *Archiv. Londin.*

**JOHANNIS Baptiste (Nativitas Sancti).**—June 24: V. 427; T. 440; E. 454. The festival of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, commonly called Midsummer Day, was instituted in 488, and has this peculiarity, that it is more solemn than his martyrdom (*Hospin.*; *Hildebr.*) St. John's Day, in Midsummer, was an ordinary date in diplomatic instruments: "In dem hilghen daghe sente Johannis Baptisten to midden somere" (*Charters of 1493 & 1503, Baring. Clav. Diplom.*, D. XXIX, p. 573). Other festivals are the Decollation, Aug. 29, and Conception, Sept. 24: G. 414; V. 430. His Sanctification by the Virgin, July 2.

**JOHANNES CHRYSOSTOMOS.**—Jan. 27: V. 422. Father of the church, 407; his Translation, Sept. 18—but in a Gr. homily, the translation is Jan. 27.—*Bibl. Barr.*, 192.

**JOHANNES et PAULUS**—June 26: G. 408; V. 427; T. 440; E. 454 L. 466. John and Paul were martyred about 963, under Julian the Apostate.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 9; *Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 114.

**JOHANNES Evangelista.**—Dec. 26: G. 420. His Octave, Jan. 3 (see *Assumptio S. Johannis*). In this festival, there was formerly a custom of drinking round a company, called *St. John's Blessing*, or *St. John's Draught*.

which still prevails in some parts of Germany, where it is known as *Den Johannes Segen*, oder *Trunck*. Some think that it is derived from the heathens, who, at the beginning of January, sent wine to their friends in honor of Janus, whom they believed to have first introduced the vice. Afterwards, the Christians formed John from Janus (*Hildebrand, de Diebus Sanctis*, p. 33-4). The Christians may have adopted the heathen custom on St. John's Day in January, from a fancied resemblance between the names, and, indeed, they may have fixed the apostle's festival in this month, in order to supersede the rites of the pagan deity.

**JOHN, or JOHANNES.**—Besides the preceding, there were many others, of whom the principal are, 1, J. Lateranensis, a doctor of the church, Nov. 9; 2, J. of Egypt, hermit, 394, Nov. 27; 3, the Chalybite, 450, Jan. 15; 4, the Dwarf, 5th cent., Sept. 15; 5, of Moritier, 6th cent., June 27; 6, J. I., pope & mart., elected Aug. 13, 523, and suffered May 18, 528; 7, John or Johannes Reomanus, founder and abbot of Reomay, 540, Jan. 28; 8, J. Silentarius, or the Silent, a bp. in Armenia, 558, May 18; 9, J. Climachus, hermit, 605, March 30; 10, J. Elemosinarius (the Almoner), 619, Jan. 23, at Paris Apr. 9, in Gr. ch. Nov. 11; 11, J. of Beverley, 721, May 7, L. 465; 12, J. Damascen, father of the church, 780, May 6, at Paris May 8, in Gr. ch. Nov. 29; 13, an abbot of Gortze, 973, Feb. 27; 14, de Prado, May 24; 15, de Meda, abbot in Milan, 1159, Sept 25; 16, de Matha, 1213, Feb. 8; 17, de Montmirel, 1217, Sept. 29; 18, Columbini, 1367, July 31; 19, of Bridlington, 1379, Oct. 10—his translation in 1404, May 8; 20, Nepomucen, 1383, May 14 or 19; 21, Capistran, 1456, Oct. 23; 22, hermit, 1479, June 12; 23, de Dieu (J. of God), 1550, Mar. 8; 24, Marinoni, 1562, Dec. 13; 25, of the Cross, 1591, Nov. 24; 26, J. Francis Regis, 1640, June 16.

**Johneday.**—Applied to the beheading of St. John, Aug. 29: “Seint Johneday the Decollacon.”—*Paston Letters*, v. IV, p. 148.

**JON, JONES, JONUS, JONYS.**—The first is old English orthography of John; the others are its genitive cases: “Goddes blessed pepul, ge ben ycomen þe day to holy chyrch to worcheþ God oure lady and seynt Jon þe euangelist, þt ys goddus derlyng” (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II*, fo. 81 b.) This favorite expression of endearment among our fathers is applied to the Baptist, in the beautiful Dano-Saxon poetical menology:—

þænne pulðner þegn.	Then after thirteen
ýmb ȝneotýne.	And ten nights eke
þeoðner ȝýnlinc.	In the days of yore,
Iohanner in gean þagum.	The minister of glory,
peanð acenneð.	The darling of our Lord,
tyn nihtum eac.	John was born;
þe þa tisð healðað.	We hold his feast
on miðne ȝumor.	In midsummer.

*MS. Cott., Tiber., B. I., fo. 111 b (f. 227).*

“Suche a day ge schul haue seynte Jones day at þe porte latyn day” (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II*, fo. 68 b.) “Goode men & women, such a day ge schall haue sent Jonus day at þe port latyn, the which is nott holy day but þt is the place of hym” (*Lansdowne MS. 392.*, fo. 68 b.) “Suche a

day ge schul haue seyt Jons day baptiste þ<sup>t</sup> is called so for he folowod [baptised] oure lord ihu criste in þe watyr of iordayne. Wherfore ge schul faston þe even. þen schul ge know how suche eunes weren furste founde in olde tyme. þe begynnyng of holy chyrch men & wommen ouer nyght þei comyn to chyrch w<sup>t</sup> candeles & oper lyghte & wokyn in chyrch alle nyght in here deuocions but after þe p'cesses of tyme men lafton suche deuocions & vsed songes & daunces & so fellyn to lechery & to glotony & þus turnyd þe god holy deuocion in to synne. Wherefore holy fadres ordeyneht þe pepul to leue þat wakynge & faste þe even. And so tornyd þe wakyng into fasting. Bot get it holdyth þe holde name, & is called vigilia, þat is wakyng englys & in englys it is called þe even, for at evyn þei weren wont to cum to chyrch os I haue sayde gow. Bot get in worcheþ of seyt Jone men wakyth at home and makyth þree maner fyres, one hys clene bones & no wode, & his called a bonfyre, anop<sup>r</sup> is clene wode & no bonys & hys called a wode fyre. for men sytton & wakyn by it. þe þridde is mixyd of bonys & of wode & is called Seynt Jonys fyre" (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 82 b.*) This passage seems to be the original of Strutt's manuscript (see v. I, p. 303), and of the passage from the Lansdowne MS. (*suprà, Eve, p. 125.*)

**Joor, Jor.**—For *jour*, a day, in our Fr. records: "Le xviii joor de Novembre" (see *Joedy*). "Le jor de la pae" (*Stat. Acton Burnel, 11 Ed. I*), the day of payment.

**JOSEPHUS Sponsus.**—March 19: V. 424. The full title of the feast of Joseph, the spouse of our lady St. Mary, in very ancient kalendars, is "Festum Jo-sophi sponsi dominæ Mariæ" (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 52). Petrus de Natalibus says that he has seen it, in a very ancient kalendar, stated to be taken from an ancient MS. of Eusebius of Cesarea, placed at **XIIII** kal. Apr. He has no doubt of the antiquity and origin of this copy (*Catal. Sanctorum, l. III, p. 209*). The festival appears to have been displaced by that of St. Gregory. According to Hospinius (*ut supra*), it was restored with its ancient solemnity by Sixtus IV, in 1480. In the year 1664, Ferdinand, elector of Bavaria, *bona fide*, raised "Joseph, the revered foster-father of Jesus Christ, to the rank of *Grand Burg-grave, Supreme-territorial-Administrator, Omnipotent and universal Guardian, Generalissimo and Patron of all Bavaria!*" and he was solemnly proclaimed as such by a herald, amidst the ringing of bells, salute of cannon, beat of drum, and music playing. This pious buffoonery, or worse, was celebrated in the church of St. Joseph, which had just been erected, and bestowed on the fraternity of bare-footed Carmelites; and Father Andreas a Santa Theresia, in praise and honour of "the most glorious St. Joseph," pronounced a suitable oration, which was published at Munich and dedicated to the Elector. At the conclusion of this piece of absurdity and blasphemy, the preacher says, that "it is in reality He who governs heaven and earth!"—See *Aikin's Atheneum, v. III, p. 306-9.*

**JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA.**—July 27.—*Brit. Sancta, p. II, p. 41.*

**Jour d'An.**—Anniversary Day, on which the offerings called annuals were made by the relatives of the deceased.

**Jour de Char.**—A Flesh Day, in Norm. Fr. "Fleisch Day," in the receipt for "Blank Dessorre," in the *Forme of Cury*, p. 26. See *Dies Carnium*.

- Jour de l'Absoute.—Absolution Day. See *Absolutionis Dies*.
- Jour de l'An.—New Year's Day. See *Caput Anni*.
- Jour de l'An renoef.—New Year's Day, in the will of John of Gaunt: “*Le jour de l'an renoef darrein passez*” [the last new year's day].—*Royal Wills*, p. 156.
- Jour de la Verderie.—See *Dies Viridarie*.
- Jour de Marche, Jour de Merchee.—A Market Day in our French records, as in the laws of Caleys, or Calais, enacted by the English in 1347: “*De melle faite en feste annuee*.—Quicunque fait melle en feste annuee ou en jour de marche, si cil ou celle puet mestre damage de chelle melle, dedens le tierce jour, devant Veschevins: et cil qui le fait a fait, se sour lui est ataint par la loy, il en est en amende envers le seigneur de xxlb.” &c. “*De jour jure de marche*.—Si lours jures de marche doit estre au Samedy chascune semaigne en l'an” (*Rymer, Fac.*, t. III, p. 149). Should not *Veschevine* be *les eschevins*?
- Jour des Bures.—First Sunday in Lent. See *Bure*.
- Jour des Cendres.—The Day of Ashes; Ash Wednesday. In the recital of the portions to be allowed to the chamber of the nunnery of Barking, the lady who had the government of the nunnery was to pay to it sixpence at Candlemas, and find a lamp, to be kept burning from the eve of St. Alburgh to Ash Wednesday: “*vi<sup>4</sup> a la feste de la Chandellare. Et outre ceo ele trouera vne laump ardant encountre la noir Fermarie, la qele ardera de la veille de saint Alburgh deke le iour des cendres*” (*Monast. Anglic.*, t. I, p. 442). See *Dies Cinerum*.
- Jour des Etrennes.—Day of New Year's Gifts. See *Dominica post Strenas*.
- Jour des Grands Feux.—The Day of the Great Fires, is the first Sunday in Lent. See *Brandones*.
- Jour des Morts.—The Day of the Dead, or All Souls' Day, Nov. 2.
- Jour des Rois.—Day of the [three] Kings: the Epiphany is so called. See *Epiphanias*.
- Jour des Valantines.—First Sunday in Lent. See vol. I, p. 163.
- Jours des Chars.—Flesh Days, Norm. Fr.
- Jours Nataux.—Natal Days, the greatest festivals in the year. See *Dies Natalis*.
- Jubilæum.—A Jubilee. By a decree in the select Capitula of the canons of Ireland, made in the 9th century, every fiftieth year was to be observed as a day of jubilee:—*D'Achery, Spicil. Vet. Script.*, t. I, p. 498, *ed. fol.*
- Jubileus Annus.—A Year of Joy or Jubilee; a year, in which, says M. Boudot, the catholic church opens its treasures, and which happens the 25th, the 50th, the 75th, the 100th, and the last year of each age (*Diction. Univers. sub voce*). Matthew Paris finished his history in 1250, which was a year of Jubilee, with the following verses—but he afterwards continued it to 1259:
- “Terminatur hic Mattheei  
Cronica. Jam Jubilæi  
Anni dispensatio  
Tempus spondet requieci;  
Detur ergo quies ei,  
Hic, et cœli solio.”

**Jubilæus Annus S. THOMÆ Cantuar., Archiep. et Mart.—See Jubilee.**

**Jubilate Deo omnis Terra, or Jubilate omnis Terra.—Introit from Ps. 66, and name of the third Sunday after Easter: “ Die Mercurii post Jubilate.” —D’Acher., Spicil., t. II, p. 169, ed. fol.**

**Jubilee.**—This term denotes, among the Jews, every 50th year, being that following the revolution of seven sabbatic cycles, or weeks of years, when all the slaves were made free, and all lands reverted to their ancient owners. The Jubilees were not observed after the Babylonish captivity. The political design of the Jubilean Law, was to prevent the too great oppression of the poor, as well as to obviate their liability to perpetual slavery. A kind of equality was thus preserved through all the families of Israel, and the distinction of tribes was also preserved, that they might be able, when there was occasion, to prove their right to the inheritance of their ancestors. It served also, like the olympiads of the Greeks and the lustra of the Romans, for the readier computation of time (See the ancient signification of the Jubilean term of 50, in *Dominica Quinquagesima*.)

Jubilee, in a modern sense, denotes a grand church festival, celebrated at Rome, in which the pope grants plenary indulgences to all sinners who visit the churches of St. Peter and St. Paul in that city. It was first established by Boniface VIII (the famous Cardinal Caetan, or Gaietan), who, by a bull dated Feb. 2, 1300, granted indulgences to all who should repair “ad limina Apostolorum,” and remain there fifteen days in that year; and the same to take place every hundredth year afterwards (*Extrav., l. V, de Pasit. et Remiss., c. 1; Strauch, Brev. Chron., b. II, c. 4, s. 4*). The first celebration brought such wealth to Rome, that the Germans called this the golden year, and it occasioned Clement VI to grant the 50th year of indulgences, in 1343. His bull, which is dated Jan. 27, is the first that compares these indulgences to the Jubilee of the old law (*Verif. des Dates, t. III, p. 386*). This pope condemned the sect of Flagellants, and announced the Jubilee for 1350 by a bull, dated April 10, 1349, which reduced Boniface’s 100th year of indulgences to the 50th. This bull is extant in the last chapter of *Ungenus*, in the Extravagants (*ut suprad.*); and than it, nothing could be more seductive to the ignorant and superstitious multitude. He commanded the angels to hold absolved of all their sins, and to introduce into Paradise, all who should die on their journey to the Jubilee: “ Prorsus mandamus Angelis Paradisi,” says the impious priest, “ quatenus animam illius a purgatorio penitus absolutam in Paradisi gloriam introducant.” It answered the sordid object which these priests had in view in establishing it: there was so great a concourse of people at Rome in that year, as mentioned by Petrarch, that from the defiled air a most grievous plague arose, which so exhausted all Italy, that scarcely ten in a thousand were left alive (*Strauch, ut suprad.*). Jacob says that this Jubilee was directed to be held “ upon the day of the circumcision of our Saviour;” but he cites no authority. Henry Knyghton, a contemporary of Clement, expressly says that the Jubilee of 1350 commenced on the annunciation of the Virgin (*Decem Script. Angl., col. 2602*). The former has probably read, that the Jubilee began on the first day of the year, and has supposed that the year began with the circumcision instead of the annunciation in his author. On April 11, 1379, Urban VI instituted three memorable observances, among which he reduced

the Jubilee to 33 years. Boniface IX celebrated this Jubilee in 1400, for which he issued his bull, as did also his rival and successor, Benedict XIII. Paul II, by a bull dated April 19, reduced the Jubilee to 25 years (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 408), which was confirmed by Sixtus IV, in 1473, by a peculiar bull, extant in the chapter *Quemadmodum* of the *Extravag.* Boniface IX, by his bull, also granted the privilege of holding Jubilees to several princes and monasteries. Alexander VI not only celebrated, in 1500, a Jubilee at Rome, but instituted it in distant provinces and stations (*Pol. Verg.*, l. VIII, c. 1, p. 457). But there were Jubilees long before Boniface VIII (who seems to have taken the idea from the secular games of the Romans) instituted the centenary Jubilee; for instance, the monks of Canterbury held a jubilee every 50 years, when the people flocked from all parts to worship the tomb of Thomas a Becket. This is the *Jubilæus Annus S. Thome, Archiepiscopi et Martyris*, of the monkish writers.

Jubilees are now become more frequent, and the pope grants them as often as the church has occasion for them. There is usually one at the inauguration of a new pope. To be entitled to the privileges of the Jubilee, the bull enjoins fastings, alms and prayers. It gives the priest a full power to absolve in all cases, even those otherwise reserved to the pope: to make commutation of vows, &c., in which it differs from a plenary indulgence. During the time of Jubilee, all other indulgences are suspended. There are particular Jubilees in certain cities, when several of their feasts fall on the same day: at Puey en Velay for instance, when the feast of the Annunciation happens on Good Friday; and at Lyons, when the feast of St. John the Baptist concurs with the feast of Corpus Christi. In 1640, the jesuits celebrated a solemn jubilee at Rome—that being the centenary from their institution, and the same ceremony was observed in all their houses throughout the world.

In the Jubilees at Rome, the Pope opens the Golden Gate, to which an immense concourse of devotees approach, in order to obtain the promised remission of their sins; then he strikes the gate with a golden mallet, which he afterwards presents to some person as a mark of honour; after that, workmen break the gate with bars, and the people who rush in scramble among the dirt for its reliques (*Strauch.*, *ibid.*) Polydore Vergil attributes the origin of Jubilees to the stations instituted by Gregory the Great, who granted indulgences to the visitors (*De Invent.*, l. VIII, c. 1, p. 454). This writer is of opinion that purgatory was the cause of the institution of indulgences, the sale of which as appears from Platina, and innumerable other authors, has been a source of enormous gain to the Roman church; but in all probability, since the doctrine of purgatory was unknown in the earlier ages,\* it owes its existence to the lucrative powers of the indulgence. Polydore Vergil's argument seems unanswerable, that when nobody cared about purgatory, nobody wanted indulgences, for on that depends all their va-

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\* Even in the time of St. Augustine, who repudiates the doctrine, it had a very slight existence. He affirms that there is no middle place, and that he who is not with Christ is with the Devil: and again, he says we are truly ignorant of any third place, for we find it not in the Scripture (*De Peccat. Re-*

lue. Having stated that there was either none, or very little mention of purgatory among the primitive Christians, he adds: "Quandiu enim nulla fuerat de purgatorio cura, nemo quæsivit indulgentias: nam ex illo pendet omnis indulgentiarum existimatio."—*Ibid.*

The term Jubilee is also used for any solemnity or festival, musical or otherwise, repeated at a distant period. Thus, Edward III caused his birthday, Oct. 13, to be observed in the manner of a Jubilee, in the 50th year of his age: "Eodem anno rex E. suum tenuit parliamentum apud Westmon. in quo quia sue ætatis extitit annus 50, id est, Jubileus, gratias populo suo concessit multiformes" (*Tho. Otterbourne, t. II, p. 143*). The statute made on this occasion is 36 Ed. III, c. 16. In this year Edward passed an act of grace, upon petition, of offences committed up to that day. A Jubilee was also celebrated throughout Great Britain and Ireland on the 25th October, George III entering on the 50th year of his reign, when as many acts of grace were issued, as the nature of the constitution and the security of the subject would allow. The last solemn Jubilee was commanded by Leo XII, who issued a bull dated Rome, 24th May, 1824, ordaining "the most solemn Jubilee to commence in this holy city, from the first vespers of the Nativity of our most holy Saviour Jesus Christ next coming, and to continue during the whole year 1825, &c." Thus the Jubilee year commences Dec. 25.

**Judica me, Deus.**—Introit from Ps. 42, and name of Passion Sunday, the 5th in Lent. A charter of Walbrand, bishop of Mynden, is, "Datum anno Domini MCCCCXLVIII, Sabbato ante Dominicam Judica" (*Baring, Clav. Dipl., XI, p. 534*). This date is equivalent to the modern Saturday, March 9, 1448. For other names see *Passion Sunday*. This introit was introduced by Celestinus, in 425.—*Pol. Verg. l. V, c. 11, p. 333.*

**JUDOC, Confessor.**—Dec. 18: V. 433; T. 446. Judoc, or Josse, a priest, the son of a king of Britain, in the 10th year of Constantine, died on the ides of December (*Petr. de Natal, l. I, c. 65*). Judoc, the son of King Juthail, died on the ides of December (*Orderic. Vital., l. III, p. 497*, where the year is misdated). Others say he died in 669.

**JUDOC: Translatio.**—The Translation of St. Judoc to Winchester, Jan 9 (V. 422; T. 433), is mentioned in the Saxon Chronicle at the year 903, when the new minster was consecrated. It is there called the Advent of St. Judoc. See *Adventus*.

**Juedi.**—For *Jeudi*, Thursday, in a letter of the Duke of Brabant, dated from Whitehall, or the Royal Palace of Westminster, in the city of London, in 1366: "Le Jeudy en la feste de Saint Vincent, qui fu le xxii jour de Janvier."—*Rymer, Fœder., t. III, p. 783.*

**Juignet.**—June, in our Fr. records.

**Jugement Dernier.**—The last Judgment: Monday of the first week in Lent.

**Juillet.**—July, in our Fr. records, temp. Edw, III.—*Rymer, &c.*

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*miss., l. I, c. 28).* The profitable doctrine is thus asserted in the Tridentine Catechism: "Est purgatorius ignis, quo plorū animæ ad definitum tempus cruciatæ expiantur ut eis in eternam patriam ingressus patere possit; in quam nihil conquinatur ingreditur."

**Jul.**—July, in our French records, temp. Edw. III.

**Jule.**—For July.—*Pastor Letters*, v. III, p. 24.

**JULIA.**—Dec. 11, a martyr of Barcelona, beheaded under Decius (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 55). Two others of the same name—1, in 300, Oct. 7; 2, in 439, May 22.

**JULIANA.**—Feb. 16: G. 399. A virgin martyr of Nicomedia, in the time of Maximian, A. D. 308 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 131). At Paris, March 21; in the Greek ch., Dec. 21: On *þea Iuliana mæsse dæg*.—*Chron. Sax.*, ann. 1014, 1078.

**Julian Period.**—The Julian period is not regulated by the date of any particular event, but was invented by Joseph Scaliger, as a general mode of computing the years. It is composed of the cycles of the sun, moon, and indictions, multiplied into each other. According to this system, which comprises 7980 years, and of which the first year had 1 for each of the three cycles, 763 years and 9 months are supposed to have elapsed before the creation, and thus the inconvenience is avoided which results from the numerous opinions as to the date of the creation; and thus all kinds of dates may be compared with each other, as by a common standard. The following is a view of some epochs in this period:

From the beginning of the Julian period to—

The Creation .....	763y. 9m.	Build <sup>g</sup> of Rome, 3960 or 3961y. —m.
The Deluge .....	2419 10	Spanish Era ..... 4675 —
Call of Abraham .....	2711 —	Birth of Christ..... 4711 —
First Foundation of the Temple .....	3696 4	Vulgar Era ..... 4713 —
Seventy Years' Captivity 4113 —		Dioclesian Era..... 4996 8
		Nicene Council ..... 5037 5

The *Cycle of the Sun* is a revolution of 28 solar years, at the end of which the same order of years returns, by a sort of circle, or cycle. It is used to indicate the day with which the year commences, and the dominical letters. At the end of every 28 years, these letters are found to return in the same order.

The *Lunar*, or *Cycle of the Moon*, comprehends a period of 19 solar years, of which 12, called common years, and 7 intercalary, give a product of 6939 days and 18 hours, according to the ancient calculation, and answer to 19 Julian or solar years.\* In consequence of the constant return of this cycle, the same days and hours receive the new moon as 19 years before. The cipher which indicates the year of this cycle is called the *Golden Number*, because it was written in characters of gold in ancient kalendars, where it served to shew the new moons. (See *Golden Number*.)

The *Cycle of Indictions* returns every 15 years. It began to be used

\* This calculation is erroneous, because 19 solar revolutions are only 6839 *h.* 26 *m.* 25 *sec.*; while 235 lunations, comprised in the cycle of 19 years, give a product of 6939 *d.* 16 *h.* 31 *m.* 45 *s.* The lunar cycle consequently anticipated, in 19 solar revolutions, 2 *h.* 5 *m.* 30 *s.*

under Constantine the Great, A.D. 313, and is distinguished into three sorts—that of Constantinople, used by the Greek emperors, which commenced September 1; the Imperial or Cæsarean, used in the West, commenced Sept. 25; and, lastly, the Roman, or pontifical, used in bulls, and began January 1 or December 25, accordingly as these days were taken for the first of the year at Rome. (See *Years*).

*The Paschal Cycle.*—The cycle of the sun and that of the moon, multiplied together, give a product of 532, which is called the Paschal Cycle, because it serves to find the Paschal or Easter Day. The product of 532, multiplied by 15, the cycle of indictions gives the number of 7980, which constitutes the *Julian Period*.

It is in this period, as in a square, that the different eras and epochs are placed, to compare and reconcile them with each other, adopting for a common term the Nativity of Christ, which is fixed at 4714 of the Julian Period. To find in what year of this period a given year of Christ answers, add to the latter the number 4713. Thus, the year 1810 responds to 6523 of the Julian Period.—*Koch., Tableau des Révolutions, t. I, p. lxv.*

The Paschal Cycle is sometimes called the *Great Cycle*; and Roger Hoveden says that, in the year 1073, all things, according to the course of the sun and moon, fell the same as in the 15th of Tiberius, when Christ was baptised. From the 15th of Tiberius to 1073 are two revolutions of the great cycle, that is, 1064 years.—*Savil., Script. post Bedam, p. 455.*

*To find the Year of any Cycle.*—The year of Christ's birth, according to the vulgar era, was the 9th year of the solar cycle—the first year of the lunar cycle; and the 312th after his birth was the first year of the Roman induction: therefore, to find the year of the *Solar Cycle*, add 9 to any given year of Christ, and divide the same by 28—the quotient is the number of cycles elapsed since his birth, and the remainder is the cycle for the given year.

To find the *Lunar Cycle*, add 1 to the given year of Christ, and divide by 19—the quotient is the number of cycles elapsed in the interval, and the remainder is the cycle for the given year: if nothing remains, the cycle is 19. Number 1 is added, because, in the first year of Christ, the Golden Number was II.

Lastly, subtract 312 from the given year of Christ, and divide the remainder by 15, and what remains after this division is the *Indiction* for the given year: if nothing remains, the induction is 15. (See *Indiction*.)

Thus: for 1835, the solar cycle is 24, and the number of cycles elapsed since the birth of Christ, 65; the lunar cycle is 19, and 97 the number of cycles; and the induction is 8.

**JULIANUS.**—Jan. 27: G. 388. Bishop of Mans (*Cenomanum*) after our Lord's ascension, and called Julian of Mans. He is said to have been one of the 72 disciples, and to have died v kal. Febr. (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 35). The day, however, is very generally, if not universally, Jan. 27, or vi kal. Febr.

**JULIANUS.**—Feb. 12. Mantuanus calls this saint *Jobanus* in *Fest.* (*Hospit. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 45.) This is Julian the Confessor, who, by his kindness to travellers, acquired the honourable appellation of "Hospitator."—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 116.

**JULIANUS.**—Feb. 19: G. 399. This corrects the text of Petrus de Natalibus, who says that Julian, the bishop, was martyred with 5000 other persons in Egypt, on the **xiiii kal. Martii**, which is the day of Julianus.—*Catal. Sanctorum*, *l. XI, c. ult., n. 68.*

**JULIANUS.**—May 23: G. 406. There are numerous saints of this name, of whom the nearest, in Petrus de Natalibus, is Julian, a martyr, June 26, and this is probably his mistake.—*Cat. Sanct.*, *l. V, c. 141.*

**JULIANUS & TROPHINUS.**—Nov. 28: G. 418. This last is probably Trophinus, a bishop, who died at Santona, Nov. 13, in the 2nd century, and was translated to Toulouse (*Petr. de Natal.*, *l. I, c. 11*). Others have the day Dec. 29, and the translation Sept. 30.

**JULIAN.**—Besides the preceding, there are, 1, a martyr, Aug. 28; 2, of Cilicia, March 16; 3, anchorite, 4th cent., Jan. 6; 4, abp. of Toledo, 680 or 690, March 8—and very many others.

**JULIUS I.**—April 12. He was elected pope on Sunday, Feb. 6, 337, and sat until his death, April 12, 352. Athanasius calls him an orthodox and apostolical man.—*Orat. 1, contra Arian.*

**Julian Year.**—Julius Cæsar introduced the solar or Egyptian year, which received its name from him. He substituted it for the lunar year, which the Romans had followed before his time. They distinguished it into common and bissextile: the common Julian Year was composed of 365 days, and the bissextile of 366 days. This year was inaccurate, because it admitted 965 days and 6 entire hours, while the true solar and tropical year contained only 365 d. 5 h. 48' 45" 30", whence there resulted an annual excess of 11' 14" 30", which in the course of ages formed days, and finally disturbed the order of the seasons (*Koch. p. xxxi.*) See *Kalendar*.

**Jull, Jullet.**—July, in Fr. and Engl. records. “Jull,” for July, in *Paston Letters* (*v. II, p. 40*), and it is also the same Gule, or Gole, in December, from—

**Julo-daghr.**—Christmas Day, in the Runic Kalendar (*Ol. Worm., Fast. Dan.*, *p. 148*). “Wryt at L. the v day of Jullet.”—*Paston Letters*, *v. I, p. 142*; & *v. III, p. 130*.

**Jullii.**—July: “The xi kalends of Jullii, the vygell of our first martir Seint Albon,” &c. (*Chron., temp. Edw. III; Archæol.*, *v. XXII, p. 280*.) This, however, may be the Latin genitive Julii, with a superfluous letter.

**Jung.**—June: “Le moys de Jung,” temp. Hen. III.—*Rymer., Fæder.*, *t. III.* **Jur.**—A Day, in our Fr. records, temp. Hen. III: *Le dissutime jur de juen*” (*Rymer, Fæder.*, *t. I, p. 495*). “A tuz jurz;” for ever.—*Ibid.*, *p. 377-81.*

**Jura.**—A Day, in the Laws of William the Conqueror, and other Norman Fr. records of an early date: “E le cunte a sete le quart jura.”—*L. Will. I, cap. 42.*

**Juridical Days.**—Days in court on which the law is administered. See *Dies Juridicii*.

**JUSTINA, Virgin.**—Sept. 26: G. 414. A martyr, who suffered at Damascus with Cyprian, a bp., in the time of Claudius (*Petr. de Natalibus*, *l. VIII, c. 121*). In the *Menol. Sax.* (*Julius, A. X*), “The festival of St. Justinian, the Virgin, and the bishop St. Cyprian:” S'ce Iustinian t'is þær fæmnan þær biceoper y'c Cyprianur.

" Saint Justine of heie men. in Antiocha com.

Wel zong heo loueþe ihu crist. 'torneþe to cristendom."

*Cott. MS., Julius, D. IX, fo. 192.*

**JUSTINA.**—*Virg. & mart.*, Feb. 16: E. 450. There was also Justina of Padua, 304, Oct. 7.

**JUSTINUS.**—Oct. 18: V. 431. A martyr in Beauvais. The day of the celebrated Justin Martyr is April 18. He was originally a pagan, and excelled in philosophy—became a Christian, defended the faith, and vindicated it from calumnies and blasphemies. He was martyred under Marc. Antonius, in 167 (*Hospin., Fest. Christ.*, fo. 78). His day in the Greek church is June 1.

**Justus es, Domine.**—Introit and name of the 17th Sunday after Pentecost. It is the Greek *Dominica post Exaltationem Crucis*.

**JUSTUS.**—July 14 and Aug. 4: G. 409, 411. The last was a bishop of Ladunen (qu. Ladona, now Saint Jean-de-Losne?), who died Aug. 3.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 26.

**JUSTUS & VICTOR.**—Nov. 2: G. 417.

**JUSTUS, Martyr.**—Oct. 18: T. 444; E. 458. A boy of nine years of age, who was martyred at Amiens in the time of Dioclesian and Maximin.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IX, c. 80.

**JUSTUS.**—Nov. 16. G. 418. This is probably the abp. of Canterbury, 627, Nov. 10. There were also Justus and Pastor, 304, Aug. 6; and Justus, abp. of Lyons, 390, Sept. 2.

**Juyle.**—July. " Written at Roy'fild Gray, the xliij day of Juyle;" temp. Hen. VI.—*Paston Letters*, v. I, p. 128.

**Juylet.**—July, in our Fr. records and diplomas, temp. Edw. III.

**Jyyll.**—July, old Engl: " Forso moch as it is notarie, openly & evydently known that the right noble and worthy prynce Henry, kyng of England the thirde, had issue Edwarde his furste gotten Son, born at Westminster the xv kalend of Jyyll in the vigil of Saint Marce and Marcellin, the yere of our lord MCCXIX, and Edmund his secund gotten son, born on St. Marcele Day, the yere of oure lord MCCXLV."—*Rot. Parl.* (l. Edw. VI, Rot. 8) t. V, p. 463 & 375.

**Jwn.**—June. Margaret, queen of Scots, in 1513 dates a letter thus: " Vryten the x day of Jwn:"—*Duo Reruni Angl. Scriptores*, t. II, p. 576: *Ed. Hearne*.

**Kalendas ; Dies Kalendarum, or Calendarum.**—Immediately derived from the Greek *καλεω*, the proper orthography appears to be *Kalenda*. This, among the Romans, was the first day of the month when used by itself, or the very day of the new moon, which usually happen together: and if *Pridie*, the day before, be added to it, then it is the last day of the foregoing month, as *Pridie Calendas Septembri* is the last day of August. If any number be placed with it, that day in the former month is denoted; as the 10th *Calends* of October is the 20th day of September; for if one reckons backwards, beginning at October, that 20th day of September makes the 10th day before

October. So Jas. Hopton, Concordance (p. 69); but he ought to have explained, that Pridie Calendas is an elliptical expression of *Pridie ante Calendas*, the day before the Kalends, and so of 10 *Calendas Octobri*, which means 10 dies ante Calendas Octobri, that is 10 days before the Kalends, or 1st of October. The self-immolation of five hundred Jewish families in York, 1190 (*Hume*, v. II, c. 10), supplies an apt illustration in the date which the annalist ascribes to it: Roger de Hoveden says that it happened in the month of March, Friday before Palm Sunday, the 17th day before the Calends of April: "Mense Martii, xvii cal. Aprilis, feria sexta, ante dominicam in ramis palmarum."—*P. II Script. post Bedam.*, p. 665.

In the middle ages, the *Dies Kalendarum* is commonly the first day of the preceding month on which we begin to count by the Kalends of the following. We find, e. g., in the annals edited by Lambecius (*t. II, Bibliothèque Césarien*), that Charlemagne, on his return from Rome in 774, rested at Lanesham, "die Kalendarum Septembri," which was the day of the translation of St. Nazarus into this abbey. The translation of his relics was then made on Sunday, and in 774, September 1 was Thursday; therefore "*dies Kalendarum Septembri*" does not, in this instance, denote the first day of the month. It signifies what the Chronicle of the same monastery expresses to us, by "In capite Kalendarum Septembri," that is to say, the *xix Kalend. Sept.*, or the 14th of August, which is the first day of this month on which we begin to count the Kalends of September, and which was, in fact, a Sunday in 774, the dominical letter being B. An English annalist, Thos. Wikes, in one instance seems to have departed from the Roman order, which in all other cases he follows. (See vol. I, p. 36.)

On this subject there are two remarks to be made: 1, that in place of counting in a retrograde order, like the Romans, the days before the nones, the ides and the kalends, the writers of charters of the middle and lower ages sometimes counted them in a direct order. Thus, instead of expressing the 14th of January by *xix kal. Feb.*, they wrote *prima die calendarum Februarii*, or *in capite kalendarum Februarii*; and for the following day, *secunda die calendarum Februarii*, instead of *xviii kalendas Febr.* 2ndly, that in the dates of many charters, the days of the nones, ides and kalends, do not enter into the computation, which is another difference from the Romans, who, in their computation, comprised both the day of the ides, nones and kalends, and that on which they fell. So that where we should write *xix Kalendas* on the Roman model, our ancients put only *xviii Kalendas*.

It may also be remarked that, even among the Romans, the words *kalends*, *ides* and *nones*, had not always the same signification. Sometimes they are taken, in an absolute sense, to denote all the space of time which relates to the *kalends*, *nones* and *ides*, as is noticed by Aulus Gellius: "Omne tempus, quod Kalendarum die includitur, intra Kalendas esse recte dicitur" (*Noct. Attic.*, c. 13). The explanation given by Spurenus to his prophecy, that Cæsar would not survive the *ides* of March—that the *ides* had come, but not elapsed, seems to allude only to the 15th of March (*Sueton. in Cæs.*, c. v.) At other times, and generally, the words *kalends*, *nones* and *ides*, were employed in a more restricted sense, and designated a particular day. This distinction is important, in reconciling dates which seem to be contra-

dictory. For example: when Suetonius says that Tiberius (in the year 784 u.c., and 31 A.D.) held the consulate to the ides of May, it is not contrary, whatever Cardinal de Noris may say, to the inscription published by this prelate—a monument, on which it is said that Tiberius abdicated the consulate the vii of the ides of May. Here the word ides is employed in a limited sense—there, it embraces all the interval relating to the ides. In the German Laws (*tit. XVII, s. 5*), *iii kalendas Martii* are employed to denote the space of three years.

January, February and September, have 19 Kalends, which begin to count, backwards, on the 14th of the preceding month. May, July, October and December, have each 18, beginning on the 14th of the preceding month. April, June, August and November, have 17 Kalends, beginning on the 16th of the previous month; and March has 16 Kalends, beginning on the 14th of February:—

“Principium mensis enjusque vocato calendas;  
Sex Maius nonas, October, Julius et Mars;  
Quatuor ac reliqui: dabit idus quilibet.”

These often quoted verses have been thus translated:

“A Mars, Juillet, October, et May,  
Sex nones les gens ont donné;  
Aux autres mois regardé  
Huit ides à tous accordé.”

In leap years, when February has 29 days, the 24th and 25th days of February are both written, *sesto die ante kalendas Martii*. On this account, leap year is called bissextillis (*bis sexti*), because there are two 6th days before the Kalends, or 1st of March. The following verses in the Encyclopedie (*Departm. Antiquités, t. III, p. 394*), have been designed to assist the memory in retaining the numbers of the Kalends:

“Versibus his noscas, mensis cujusque Kalendas:  
Tantum, Tendebat, Quod, Regni, Summa, Regebat,  
Sanctus, Rex, Talis, Sapienter, Regna, Subegit.”

Each word of the two last answers to one of the twelve months, commencing with December. The initial letter alone has a signification, representing, by its rank in the alphabet, the number of days of the month comprised, inclusively, from the ides to the kalenda of the month following. Thus *Tantum*, answering to December, shews that December has 19 days from the ides to the kalenda of January, inclusively. Under this name, *Kalende*, rural chapters, or conventions of rural deans and parochial clergy, were formerly held on the Kalenda, or first day of every month.—*Kennet, Paroch. Antiq.*, p. 640.

*Kalende Ælie.*—For *Kalenda Juniae*, the Kalends of June.

*Kalende, or Festum Kalendarum.*—The Christians retained much of the ceremony and wantonness of the Kalends of January, which for many ages was held a feast, and celebrated by the clergy with great indecencies, under the names *Festum Kalendarum*, or *Hypodiaconorum*, or *Stultorum*. The

people met masqued in the church, and in a ludicrous way proceeded to the election of a mock pope, who exercised a jurisdiction over them, suitable to the festivity of the occasion. Fathers, councils and popes, long laboured to restrain this license, to little purpose; and the feast of the Kalends was in use so low as the 15th century. It was also named *Caput Kalendarum*.

**Kalendas Circumcisionis.**—The Kalends of the Circumcision. The festival of the Circumcision falls on the Kalends of January, and in this date, which is very frequent in the middle ages, is put for this month. The term is used in the Council of Tours (II, c. 28), held in 567, and not 570, as Martin Lippennius has it, in his *Strenarum Hist.*, c. IV, s. 56.

**Kalendar Day.**—See *Calendar Day*.

**Kalendar Gregorian.**—See *Gregorian Kalendar*. It may be added to the account of that Kalendar, that Roger Bacon, in 1267, offered Clement IV a plan for the reformation of the Kalendar, which was nearly the same as that which was adopted 300 years afterwards.—*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 368.

**Kalendar, Lunar, Perpetual.**—At the end of the GLOSSARY is a perpetual Lunar Kalendar, with the Golden Numbers, Dominical Letters, and ancient and modern Epacts, designed to facilitate the investigation of such instruments as contain no other indication of their dates.

**Kalendar Month.**—The entire month, according to the Kalendar, consisting of 30 or 31 days, except February, which has but 28, and in leap-year 29 (*Stat. 6 Car. II, cap. 7*). So far the modern interpretation, but the ancients understood it otherwise. See *Calendar Month*.

**Kalendar, Quakers'.**—The affectation of dating by the ordinal numbers of days and months, for the purpose of avoiding the use of heathen names, is sometimes found in important historical documents. Major General Harrison dates a dispatch, detailing the movements of the royal and republican armies to President Bradshaw, “At the Camp near Warrington Bridge, the 16th day of the 6th month, about 11 in the morning (*Parliamentary Hist. of England*, v. XX, p. 14). This month is August, the Sextilis of the ancient Romans before the year 746, and is counted from March. The republican soldier seems to have been affected by the same scruples as the sect called Quakers, who reckoned, in the same manner, March the first month of the year, until the reformation of style in 1752, after which January became the first month.

**Kalender.**—If not an error, the same as Kalend: “A son was born after his death, viz. upon Easter Day, the 4th kalender of April ensuing, an. scil. 1187; whose name was Arthur (Alan, earl of Brittany).”—*Dugdale, Baron.*, v, I, p. 48.

**KALISTUS, KALIXTUS.**—Pope & mart., Oct. 14: E. The author of the Ember Fasts, he was put to death on this day, 222. See CALISTUS.

**Kandilmesse.**—Candlemas, perhaps from the Swedish, the Saxon being Can-delmaðra, and the K being a foreign letter to the Angles, and very rarely used before the Conquest:

“ þe Wednesday next at euen befor Kandilmesse  
A spie did sir Jon leue, þat Frankis oste non was.”

*Robert of Brunne, v. II, p. 286.*

Karena.—Lent, from the low Latin *carēna*.—*Rob. of Brunne*.

KARILELFUS.—July 1: E. 455. Carilelphus, or Calais, an abbot in 542.—*Petr. de Natalib., l. VII, c. 37.*

KAROLUS MAGNUS.—This orthography is as frequent among early writers as *Carolus*. Jan. 28 the day of his death, in 813. His Translation, Aug. 28 (*Petr. de Natal., l. XI, c. 93*). See CHARLEMAGNE.

KASIANUS.—Dec. 1: G. 419. Petr. de Natalibus has Cassianus martyred Dec. 3, at Tingitoria (or Tangier), in Mauritania (*l. I, c. 22*). There was also St. Cassian, a bp., martyred by his pupils, 365, Aug. 5 (*Prudent., Hymn IX, v. 21 et seqq.*) Another, father of the church, 434, Aug. 13; in the Gr. ch., Feb. 29.

KATERINE.—Nov. 25: E. 459; L. 471. “Gode men, such a day ge schul haue seynte Katerine day, þe whych was an holy martir” (*Cott. MS., A. II, fo. 114*). See CATERINE.

“ Seint Katerine of Noble Kunne. com bi olde dane.

Her fader King. here moþr cwene boþe of þe olde laue.”

*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX, fo. 194.*

KEIVIN.—See COEMGAN.

KENELINES Eue.—In all probability, the eve of St. Kenelm. See EUE.

KENELINUS.—In one of the *Decem Scriptores*, probably for Kenelm.

KENELM, Roy et Martyr.—July 17: L. 467. A king and martyr.

KENELMUS, Martyr.—July 17: E. 455. Martyr gloriosus, V. 428. A king and martyr in 828.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. II, p. 35.

“ Seint Kenelm þe ȝunge kyng. þt god marth is.

Kyng he was in Englund. of þe march of walies.

þe kyng Kenulf his fader was. þt kyng was þt also.

þterde abbai of Wýnchecumbe, and let þt monekes do.”

*Harl. MS., 9247, fo. 80.*

KERANUS, Bp. & Conf., Martyr.—March 5: E. 451. Supposed to be Kiaran, Keneriu, or Piran, a bishop.—See *Brit. Sancta*, p. I, p. 154.

Kern Supper.—Harvest Supper.

KILIANUS.—July 7. A Scotsman, who, having little success in his own country, accompanied by Colman and Totnan, preached the new rites of Easter, together with the tonsure, and other superstitious follies, borrowed from the Egyptian priests of Isis and Osiris, in England, France, and Germany. When he perceived that Gosbert, a prefect, abhorred the new papistical ceremonies, he proceeded to Rome, and requested Conon I, or, as Bale says, Benedict II, to make him bishop of Wurtzburg, in 686. If this date be correct, the pope must have been John V or Conon, for Benedict died May 7, 685 (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 287). Kilian was afterwards slain by his auditors, who could not bear with the innovations which he made upon the ancient and true faith. This occurred on the viii id. Julii (July 7), 697 (*Otho Frising., l. V, c. 18*: *Bale, Cent. I, c. 79*; *Cent. XIV, c. 23*: *Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 117 b.) He was also called Killanus and Kylian.

King of Sundays.—A name given to Trinity Sunday. See *Dominica S. Trinitatis*.

Kings of Cologne, Three.—The festival of the three Kings of Cologne, celebrated on the Epiphany, Jan. 6, has been employed in dates of German charters of the 14th and 15th centuries. Du Cange gives a particular account of this festival (*t. VI, col. 728, voce Stellaæ Festum*), from which Mr. Fosbrook has extracted the principal features.—*Encycl. Antiquit.*, v. II, p. 700: see also *Hone's Every Day Book*, v. I, p. 46.

KRISOGONUS.—Nov. 24: G. 418. See CHRISOGONUS.

KRISTINA.—See CHRISTINA; CRISTINA.

KUNEGUND, KUNEGUNDE, CUNEGUNDIS.—Aug. 1. Canonized by Innocent III (from 1198 to 1216), because John, emperor of Constantinople, dedicated this day to the *Festum Paxinaum*, in honor of a victory.—*Hospit. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 17.

KYLIAN.—See KILIANUS. In a charter of Henry, bishop of Stiches, to Hildensem, granted to the town of Gronowe in 1347: “Na Goddes bord drittneyn hundert iar in deme seuen vnd vertighesten iare in sente Kylianus daghe.”—*Baring., Clavis Diplomat.*, XXVI, p. 503; XXXIV, p. 511.

*Κυριακὴ Δεῖπνον* (*Cœna Domini*).—Thursday of the last week of Lent, on which the Lord’s Supper was instituted by Christ. This festival, says St. Eligius (*Serm. II*) is called the Lord’s Supper, because on this day our Lord supped with his disciples, and gave them the sacrament of his body and blood. Hence it has been improperly called the Festival of Blood. This mystical language, in the earlier ages, occasioned the Pagans to accuse the Christians of infanticide, cannibalism, promiscuous intercourse, incest, and other abominable practices, as appears from the question of Justin Martyr: “An vos etiam de nobis creditis, homines nos vorare, et post epulum, lucernis extinctis, nefarie promiscuo concubitu misceri?” (*Dial. cum Tryph.*) Cassalius, who most absurdly classes this among calumnies against the mass, which had no sort of existence at the time, explains the extinguished lamps to mean the *agapæ*, or love-feasts (*De Vet. Sacr. Christian. Ritibus*, c. de Missa, p. 67). See *Mass*; *Messe*; *Missa*.

*Κυριακὴ Νέα*.—First Sunday after Easter. See *Dominica Nova*.

*Κυριακὴ τῆς Ορθοδοξίας*.—The first Sunday of Lent.—*Tractat de Imaginibus, &c.*, *Bibl. Bodl.*, MS. Roc. 274, 28.

Ladi Day, the Assumption (Oure).—August 15, temp. Hen. VI.—*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 286.

Lady ad Nives (Our).—Aug. 5. See *Festum B. MARIE ad Nives*.

Lady’s Annunciation, *Assumption*, *Conception*, &c. See *Annunciation*, &c. Lady Day.—Commonly used for the Annunciation, March 25. It appears to be an abridgement of the entire phrase, Our Lady’s Day the Annunciation. Lady’s Day, however, did not always denote only March 25; it was anciently applied to the other feasts of the Virgin: “Wretyn at lu’don’ on the Fryday be for owr ladys day the natyuite, 1454” (*Paston Letters*, t. III, p. 224). Our Lady’s Day the Assumption occurs several times in this collection, t. III, p. 90, 286, &c.

Lady’s Eve.—The day before any festival of our Lady: “Wrytten atte London on oure Lady evyn last past” (*Paston Letters*, 1480, v. I, p. 194). It

is here used for March 24, the eve of the Annunciation. In the *Rct. Parl.*, temp. Edw. VI, we have "Our Lady Even Yassumcion."

Lady of Loretto.—Dec. 10. The Italians describe this festival, which the English papists have not yet entered into their *Fasti*, as "La prodigiosa translazione della s. casa della B. V. da Nazaret nella Palestina in Dalmazia nel 1290, e indi a Loreto nella Marca d'Ancona nel 1294" *Corso delle Stelle*, p. 81)—[The prodigious transportation of the holy house of the Blessed Virgin from Nazareth in Palestine into Dalmatia in 1290, and thence to Loretto in the Marquisate of Ancona in 1294] The porters on this occasion were angels, according to the legend, which it need not be mentioned obtains as much credence as the Scriptures.

Lady of the Manger.—See *Festum B. MARIE ad Praesepe*.

Lady of Mercy.—Sept. 24.

Lady of Mount Carmel.—July 16.

Lady of Oropo.—Aug. 31, the anniversary of the Incarnation, in 1020, of the sacred statue of our Lady of Oropo, in the mountains of Biella.—*Corso delle Stelle*, p. 65.

Lady's Nativity.—Sept. 8.

Lady's Presentation.—Nov. 21.

Lady's Purification.—Feb. 2.

Lady's Sorrows.—See *Festum Septem Dolorum*; *Festum Compassionis*.

Lady's Visitation.—July 2.

Læncten, Længten.—See *Lent*.

Lætanies.—The Rogations, in *Concil. Cloveshoviens.* (an. 747, can. 16). See *Letania maior*, & *Litanie*.

Lætare Hierusalem, or Jerusalem.—Introit from Isaiah, c. 66, and Ps. 121, and name of Midlent Sunday, or the fourth in Lent. In Poland and Silesia, on this day, the people carry images about like spectres, drag them through the mire, and then burn them, in commemoration of the destruction of idols in 966, in the reign of Mieceslaus I, the first Christian king of Poland (*Dresser, de Festib. Diebus*, p. 55). *Lætare Jerusalem*, or *Lætare Hierusalem*, is a date of frequent occurrence in the mediæval writers, and may be found in the letter of John of Salisbury to Pope Alexander III, in 1161, *Rymar, Fæder*, t. I, p. 20; in *Chron. de Mailros, ad an. 1179*, *Gale*, t. I, p. 170; *Rad. de Diceto, Ymagines Histor.*, p. 634; *Chron. Gervas., Doroborn.*, p. 1484; *Chron. Tho. Wikes, ad an. 1285*, *Gale*, t. II, p. 112; charter of Albert and Bernhard, counts von Reghenstein, an. 1333, *D. Eberhard Baring., Clavis Diplom.*, XII, p. 491. *Lætare* is also a name of the *quadragesimalia*, or dues paid to the mother church on this day, whence has resulted the practice of visiting parents, which has occasioned it to be called *Mothering Sunday*—and from the spiced ale used on these occasions, *Braget Sunday*. See *Dominica de Panibus*,—*de Rosa*, &c.

Lagedayum, Lagh day, Lahday.—Low Latin and old English compounds, from the Saxon, signifying a law-day, or time of open court: "Una cum omnibus sectis Lage dayorum" (*W. Thorn., Chron.*, col. 1207). See *Law Day*.

LAMBARD Day, LAMBERT'S Day.—Sept 17. "Anno 1616 was an extraordinary greate floud, called from the day Lambard's Floud" (*Hollinworth's Mancumiensis MS.*, fo. 24, in the *Chetham Library, Manchester*).

" Be ready as your lives shall answer it,  
At Coventry, upon St. Lambert's day."

*K. Rich. II, act i, sc. 1.*

**LAMBERHT**, Martyr (L. 469); **LAMBERTUS**, Bp. & Mart.—Sept. 17: E. 457.

A bishop and mart. in the time of Pepin, king of France, about 700 (*Petr. de Natalib., l. VIII, c. 86*). Canonized about the 12th century (*Hospi. de Fest. Christ., fo. 16 b.*) This appears to be the patron of Liege, who is usually said to have suffered in 708. There was another saint of the name, bp. of Lyon, 688, Apr. 14; and a bp. of Vienne, 1154, May 26 & June 26.

**Lámes Day**.—Lammas Day, Aug. 1. " And my lord of Suff. wolbe at Drayton on lames Daye and kepe the coort ther" (*Paston Lett. (1465), v. IV, p. 216*). In the " Stacyons of Rome," written at least a century and a half before the Paston Letters, we have—

" Fro holy þorsday yn to lamés.  
Jſ eu'ry day more ȝ lasse.  
Fourtene þowsand gere  
To all þ<sup>1</sup> cometh to þ<sup>1</sup> mynster "

*Cott. MS., Caligula, A. II, fo. 81 b.*

**Lammas Day or Tide, Lammesse**.—The 1st of August, says Jacob, has been so called, because on that day the tenants of the cathedral church of York, which is dedicated to St. Peter ad Vincula, were bound by their tenures to bring a live lamb into the church at high mass; hence Lammas, *quasi* Lamb Mass. It is otherwise said to come from the Saxon *hlafmæsse*, as, on the same day, an offering of new wheaten bread was made, as a thanksgiving for the fruits of corn (*Law Dict.*) *Hlafmæsse*, or the loaf mass, occurs very early: " Fofan to hlafmæffjan" (*Chron. Sax., an. 913*)—and we have also the modern orthography, *æt te Lammasse* (*Ib., an. 1135*):

" And þe lammasse afterward he [King Edmond] spousede þe quene,  
As in þe ger of grace, a thousand and senentene."

*Robt. of Gloucester, p. 317.*

The Saxon Annalist dates the death of William Rufus on the morning after Lammas Day (an. 1100), which is followed by Stow (*Chron., p. 51*; *Ed. 1618*); but the ordinary Tables make it August 1. Mr. Lewis copies an inscription at Canterton, on a stone which marks the site of this event: " Here stood an oak, on which an arrow, shot by Sir Walter Tyrrel at a stag, glanced and struck King William II surnamed Rufus, on the breast, of which stroke he instantly died, on the 2nd of August, 1100." " That where an event so memorable had happened might not hereafter be unknown, this stone was set up by John Lord Delawarr, who saw the tree growing in this place, Anno 1745 (*Forest Laws*, p. 60). The following passage relates to this event, and also fixes it the day after Lammas:—

" In þe enlene hondred ger, as in þe ger of grace,  
þus was kyng Wylam yssote in þulke place;  
And gut he adde kyng yþe prettene ger souore,  
Ant more þan a uourty ger hyt was þat he was ybore.

In a þoresday yt was, þe morwe al so  
 After Lammasse Day, þat þys ded was ydo.  
 To Wynchestre he was ýlad al myd hys grene wounde,  
 þat euere as me hym lade, þat blod orn to ground.  
 A morwe anon he was ýbured in þe munstre ýwys," &c.

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 419.*

The battle of Evesham, in 1265, occurred Aug. 6:

" The fift day it was after Lammesse tide,  
 And writen is in that pas, at Evesham gan thei ride."

*Robert of Brunne, p. 221.*

Respecting the battle of Otterburn, fought 31 July, 1388, an old ballad has—

" It fell out about the Lammas tide  
 When yeomen win the hay,  
 The doughtie Douglas gan to ride  
 In England to take a prey."

*Collins's Peerage, v. I, p. 496.*

And Master William Thorp, who was tried for heresy before the Archbishop of Canterbury, 8 Hen. IV, dates the commencement of his troubles "on Sunday next after the feste of St. Peter, which we call Lammesse, a MCCCC and vii" (*State Trials, v. I, p. 16*). "And about Lammasse after, the Kyng with a fayre company sayled into Normandy."—*Fabyan, Chron., p. 312; Ed. Ellis.*

*Λαμπτρα Ημερα, or Κυριακη.*—Whitsunday.—*Suicer. Thes. Eccl., t. II, col. 212-14; Haltaus, Cal. Med. &c., p. 63.*

*LANDBERTUS, LANDBERHTUS, LANDEBEERTUS.*—Sept. 17: G. 413; T. 443; V. 490 (see *LAMBERT*). In the Kal. Att., 826—" xv kal. Oct. Natalis Sancti Lanberdi Episcopi."

*Laterculus Septizodium.*—A square, containing the dominical letters, and resolving itself through a cycle of seven years:

A	G	F	E	D	C	B
B	A	G	F	E	D	C
C	B	A	G	F	E	D
D	C	B	A	G	F	E
E	D	C	B	A	G	F
F	E	D	C	B	A	G
G	F	E	D	C	B	A

It is of no other use than to present, at one glance, the succession of Dominical Letters at the beginning of each of seven years, of which the first day of the first year is A (*Bed. Oper., t. I, p. 307, 224*). See *Solar Cycle*.

*Latere Fest of Our Lady.*—The Nativity of the Virgin, Sept. 8; sometimes called the After Mass of St. Mary, and sometimes the Latter Lady Day: *Seorun nihton æn þær latejan f'ea Wanian mærran*—[Seven nights before the latter saint Mary's mass (*Chron. Sax., an. 1061*)]:

“ Robert of Wynchelse, that corseynt is verray,  
Did that solempnite opon a Wednesday  
Next the latere fest that is of our Lady.”

*Robert of Brunne, p. 308.*

LAUDUS.—Sept. 21: E. 457. He is otherwise called Lunus, or St. Lo, bp. of Coutances, 368.

LAURENCE, LAURENTIUS.—Aug. 10: L. 468; G. 411. “ Levite and martyr,” V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. “ IIII id. Aug. Natalia Sancti Laurentii” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). “ The Passion of St. Laurentius the archdeacon” (*Menol. Sax.*, *Jul. A.* X.)

Dænne fōnð ge-pat.  
ymb þreo niht þær.  
þeorne getnýre.  
þurh mantrýn ðom.  
mæne ðiacon.  
Laurentius hæfð.  
nu lif piþ ðan.  
mid pulðor fæder.  
peorica to leane.

Then forth departed,  
after three nights from this,  
through martyrdom  
the illustrious deacon,  
faithful to our Lord;  
Laurence hath now  
his life received  
from the father of glory  
for the reward of his labours.

*Cott. MS., Tib. B. I., fo. 111b.*

“ Sein Laurence god man was γ in strong martirdom  
He endede an erde his lif γ to þe iole of heuen com.”

*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX, fo. 119b.*

The martyrdom is said to have taken place in 261, by roasting on a gridiron over a slow fire (*Vincent*, l II, c. 93; *Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 43; *Hos-pin.*, fo. 127). There was another Laurentius, archbp. of Canterbury, 619, Feb. 3, G. 399—now Feb. 2 *Brit. Sancta*, p. i, p. 96). Another was bp. of Dublin, 1181, Nov. 12 (*Ibid.*, p. ii, p. 268); and Laurence Justinian, 1455, Sept. 5. St. Augustine has a sermon, “ Per Natalem Sancti martyris Laurentii.”

LAWDAYIS.—Days of open court are called Law Days, particularly Views of Frank Pledge, Courts Leet, and county and hundred courts (*Cart.*, 39 Hen. III : see *Lagedayum*).

“ A gret dyttay for Scottis thai ordand than ;  
By the lawdayis in Dunde set ane Ayr  
Than Wallace wald na langer soiorne thar.”

*Wallace, MS. ap. Jamieson.*

LAWRENS EUEN.—The Eve of St. Lawrence, Aug. 9: “ Writen at Mauteby on Sen Lawrens euen, the xv yere of kyng E. the iiiij<sup>th</sup>” (*Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 182). “ Suche a day ge schul haue seynt laurens day goddys holy martir, þe whyche martirdam os Maximus seyth & shewyth to alle holy chyreh & lyghteth all þe wolde, wherfore ge schul faston þe even.”—*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II*, fo. 94 b.

Lawson Eve.—Saturday in Albis: “ Saturday in Easter week, or, as it is also called with us, Lawson Even” (*MS. in Hearne's Gloss. ad P. Langtoft*, p. 521). Lawson Even is, therefore, Low Sunday Eve.

Lazare, le; Lazarus.—French and Latin appellation given to Friday in the fourth week of Lent. See *Dominica de Lazaro*.

LAZARUS.—Dec. 23. A bishop, and brother of Martha and Mary Magdalen, Dec. 23.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 72.

Leap Year.—In the rubric of Q. Elizabeth's Common Prayer Book, this term is explained thus: "When the years of our lord may be divided into four even parts, which is every fourth yeare, then the Sunday letter leapeth; and that year the psalms and lessons, which serve for the twenty-third of February, shall be read again the day following, except it be Sunday." See *Bissextilis, Solar Cycle*.

Lectiones.—Lessons; a word often introduced with a numeral, at the end of a festival, in kalendars, to point out the number of lessons intended to be read on that day. These were twelve, according to the number of Psalms, which Gelasius reduced into order. After several changes, a general council restored them to their ancient form, as related by Gratian, *De Consecrat. Dist. V, can. 15*): "In die Resurrectionis usque ad Sabbatum in Aliis, et in die Pentecostes usque ad Sabbatum ejusdem, tres tantum Psalmos nocturnos tresque lectiones antiquo more canamus et legimus. Omnibus diebus aliis per totum annum si festivitas est, ix psalmos et ix lectiones dicimus. Aliis vero diebus xii psalmos et tres lectiones recitamus. In dominicis diebus xviii psalmos (excepto die Paschæ et Pentecostes) et ix lectiones dicimus." This rule was confirmed by Pius V and Clement VIII.—*Casal. de Vet. Sacr. Christ. Ritib.*, c. XXXXVI, p. 204.

LEGER.—See LEODEGARUS.

Lenct, Leint.—See Lent.

Leindemain, Lendemayn.—In our Fr. records, the morrow; as "Leindemain des Almes," the morrow of All Souls, in the date of the statute of 4 Ric. II *Ruffhead's Stat.*, v. I, p. 349). In 8 Hen. VI, a parliament was "tenuz a Westm' lendemayn de saint Mathewe"—*Rot. Parliam.*, t. IV, p. 377.

LENARD's Day.—Nov. 6: "Wretyn on Seynt Lenard's day, Aº R. R. E. iiiij<sup>ii</sup> xij" (*Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 130). See LEONARD.

Lenet, Lenten, Lent, Lentin, Lenton, Lentyne, Lentynre.—The fast of forty days at the beginning of Spring, instituted in reference to the miraculous fasts of Moses, Elias, and our Saviour, by Telesephorus about 130 (*Dresser, de Festib. Diebus*, p. 39). Polydore Vergil denies that this Pope was the author of the fast; he merely increased the number of its days, by decreeing that it should be observed for seven weeks before Easter (*De Invent. Rerum*, l. VI, c. 3, p. 359). Ash Wednesday was observed about the end of the 6th century. According to Durandus (l. VI) and Polydore Vergil (l. VI, c. 13, p. 361), Gregory the Great ordained that the fast of four days, which immediately precedes the Sunday *Invocavit*, should be added to the fast of Lent. From the number of days, it is called in the Roman service *Quadragerima* (whence the French *carême*, contracted from *careisme*), because, in some churches, the people fasted 40 complete days. It was not until towards the middle of the 3rd century, that the usage of fasting during Lent began to be regarded as an obligation. At first its duration was not fixed; but when it was, there were only 36 days appointed, which were differently observed in different places. A proof of this fact is, that in the Greek church the custom comprised seven weeks, and in the Latin only six. The number of days,

however, was equal, and amounted to only 36 days, because the Greeks did not fast on Sundays and Saturdays, except Holy Saturday, and the Latins fasted without interruption. Towards the middle of the 7th century, the number of days of our Saviour's fast began to be imitated. The Greeks began Lent eight weeks before Easter, but some of the Latins began it seven weeks before Easter, which made 42 days of the fast. Several, in imitation of the Greeks, began eight weeks before, but did not fast the three days in each of the two first weeks, and these six days filled up the six Sundays of Lent. There were some who began nine weeks before Easter, by a particular observance, on which it is to be remarked that, as the sixth Sunday is named *Quadragesima*, the seventh is *Quinquagesima*, the eighth *Sexagesima*, and the ninth *Septuagesima*, though they are not the fiftieth, sixtieth, and seventieth day before Easter. In the 9th century, the usage of fasting the four days before Quadragesima was established in the Western church, in order to make the number of forty days of fast.

There were some churches which did not receive this addition of four days, and at present, Lent is not commenced at Milan before Quadragesima Sunday. The Milanese did not even begin until Monday after it, but as it was an abuse introduced against the custom of the first ages of the church, St. Charles Borromeo, archbp. of Milan in 1563, abolished it, notwithstanding the efforts of the governor of that city, who sent ambassadors to Rome, who returned only in confusion, with the contemptuous title of "Ambassadeurs de Carême prenant," i. e. Ambassadors of Shrovetide or Carnival. Thus it was ordained that Quadragesima Sunday should be a day of abstinence at Milan, as it had always been elsewhere.

With regard to the practice of the Greeks for several ages, our Septuagesima Sunday is called by them Προφανήσιμος, because they announced to the people that it ought to be the first day of Lent. Sexagesima is called Απόκρεως (*ἀπὸ τὸν κράτον*), which signifies *Carnisprivium*, the days on which they are deprived of flesh, because it is the last on which flesh may be eaten. The whole week preceding this day (Shrove Tuesday with us) bears this name; for the Greeks call these weeks by the name of the Sunday which follows them (see *Hebdomada Græca*), and not, like the Latins, by that which precedes them. During the week of Απόκρεως, they have perfect liberty to eat meat of all sorts, even on Wednesday and Friday. Quinquagesima is called Τυροφάγος, because, from the Monday following the Sunday of Απόκρεως to this day, they may use cheese, and all preparations of milk and eggs. From the morrow of Τυροφάγος, they begin to abstain from this food. Immediately after Lent they observe a particular fast, called the fast of Easter, or Holy Week. Sts. Epiphanius and Ireneus expressly distinguish these two fasts, of which the first was *Xerophagia*, or fast of bread and water; but it is difficult to remark this fast in the Latin church. (See *Apo-creos*, *Tyrophagos*.)

It was necessary to consider, not only the duration of Lent, but the quality of food that was forbidden or allowed. In the Western church, the fast consisted in abstaining from flesh, eggs, preparations of milk, and wine, and in making only one repast in the evening. Fish was not forbidden, though many Christians would eat only pulse and fruit. With regard to fowl, some, reflecting that birds had been created with the waters as well as fish, and

had been produced the same day, pretended that this was a nutriment permitted in Lent; but this refinement was condemned. At last it was discovered that geese grew upon trees, and that sea-ducks were fish, and thus fowls were eaten as vegetables and fish (see *vol. I.*, p. 379, &c.) In the Eastern church the fast was always very rigorous, and the greater part lived on bread and water, with pulse; but a particular practice gradually worked its way among the monks of Cappadocia which obliged them to cook a piece of salted flesh with their pulse, even in Lent. It is supposed that the heresy of Eustathius, or rather of Euctatus, gave rise to the institution of this custom; for he was the patriarch of a great number of monks, who condemned marriage and prohibited the use of flesh, out of a profane and ridiculous superstition, which is the foundation of all prohibitions of this kind, where the sale of a permission to eat particular kinds of food is not the motive for ordaining fasts. The Council of Ancyra, in 358, condemned these absurdities, and ordained that priests and deacons should eat their pulse cooked with a little meat. St. Basil confirmed the practice, in order to distinguish the Western from the Eastern monks.

About 582, the Council of Macon ordained a fast every Wednesday and Friday, from Martinmas to Christmas (*Concil. Matisconens.*, *can. 9*); but in the course of time, the rigor of all fasts insensibly diminished, and before 800 they had so much relaxed, by the use of wine, eggs and milk, which were permitted, not only to the sick, but to those who had no other nourishment proper to support their labour, and they no longer made the essence of the fast to consist in aught but abstinence from flesh, and deferring to take refreshment until evening, after vespers. Abstinence from eggs and milk was observed in Italy; but in France and Germany, they regarded it only in the last days of Holy Week. Then, with regard to milk food, dispensations from Rome gave it for a single time, which afterwards passed as a common right. Charlemagne established three legitimate fasts in the year, viz. 40 days before Christmas, 40 before Easter, when the yearly tythes were paid, and 40 after Pentecost: "Admoneant sacerdotes ut jejunia tria legitima in anno agantur, id est, xl dies ante Natale Domini, et xl ante Pascha, ubi decimas anni solvinus, et post Pentecosten xl dies" (*Capitul. Caroli Magni*, *l. VI*, *c. 184*). Afterwards, the Council of Constance (*Concilium Constantiense*) decreed, in 1094, that there should be only three fasts in the weeks of Easter and Pentecost, instead of abstinence during the whole of each week. In 1475, the Papal legate gave a dispensation for five years to Germany, Hungary and Bohemia. This relaxation was also introduced among the Greeks, excepting the religious and clergy, who preserved the austerity of the fasts. At first, the fast of Lent consisted in taking only one repast in the evening, after vespers, which was practised to the year 1200 in the Latin church. The Greeks dined at noon, and took a collation of herbs and fruits in the evening, from the sixth Sunday. The Latins began, in the 13th century, to take conserves of fruit in order to fortify the stomach—then to take a collation in the evening. This term was borrowed from the religious, who, after supper, went to the collation, or lesson of the conferences of the fathers, called *Collationes*; after which, they were permitted to drink a little water or wine on the fast-day, which was also called collation. Further changes or innovations will be found in *vol. I.*, p. 86-7.

As to the number of Lents, the Greeks, besides that of Easter, had others, which they named Lents of the Apostles, the Transfiguration, and the Assumption, but they have been reduced to seven days each. In the Latin church, they had three Lents in the 8th century—that of Christmas or Advent, that preceding Easter, and that following Pentecost. All these were of forty days.—(*Thomassin, Traitez des Jeunes de l'Eglise*; *Baillet, Fêtes Meubles, dans Vie Saints*; *Moreri, Dict.*, t. VII, C., p. 149-50).

In England, Lent was first observed in Kent in 640, by Eadbald the king: “*Hic primus regum Anglorum in toto regno suo idola relinqui ac destrui, simul et jejunium quadraginta dierum observari principali auctoritate praecepit*” (*Bed., Eccl. Hist.*, l. III, c. 8). The Scots, before the time of St. Margaret, began their Lent the Monday after Ash Wednesday, keeping by that means only 36 days (*Britannia Sancta*, P. I, p. 360). As to the word, it is clearly the Lenten or Spring of the Saxons: *Uerū iꝝ leneten tīd*—the Spring is the lenten tide (*Cott. MS., Tiber. A. III, fo. 64*); and it appears to be derived from the verb *langian* (corruptly *lengian*), to lengthen, because at this season the days have lengthened to an equality with the night. Before the time of Charlemagne, they had three periodical fasts, as appears from the Council of Cloveshou in 747 (can. 18): “*Statuimus est mandato ut jejuniorum tempora, id est, quarti, septimi & decimi mensis, nullus negligere præsumat*” (*Spelm., Concil.*, t. I, p. 256). By the Canons of King Edgar, about 967, these three fasts were called Lents: *Gýf hƿa polðe hæman pið ofnær niht æpe. ȝ heo nolde. fært .III. lengten on hlafę ȝ on pætne. an' on rumeña. ofnær on hænperta. þnyðde on þyntra*—If any desire to lie with another man's right wife, and she be unwilling, let him fast three lents on bread and water, one in summer, another in harvest, and the third in winter (*Spelm., Concil.*, t. I, p. 466, can. 34). Macri mentions these three Lents in the Latin church, which he thus distinguishes,—the Great Lent before Easter, the second before the Nativity, called St. Martin's Lent, and the third, which lasted 40 days, before the feast of St. John the Baptist. The two last, he says, by reason of the frugality of men, were reduced to one, and these, again, were divided into the three weeks of Advent, and three before the Nativity of St. John, in which fasting and abstinence from marriages were to be observed.—(*Hierolexic.*, par. II, voc. *Quadragesima*; *Durand., de Rat.*, l. I, c. 9, n. 8, & l. VII, c. 14, n. 9.)

All the names at the head of this article have been used by English writers:—The death of Richard I is thus described by Robert of Gloucester:

“*The morwe after Seinte Marie day in Leinte with a quarel  
Issote he was, that he ne et neuer eft a god mel  
The tuelfte day he deide, of Aueril the sixte day.*”

*Chron., p. 491.*

“*Als Lenten tide com in, Cristen mans lauh,  
He sent for Jon Comyn, þe lord of Badenauh.*”

*Robert of Brunne, p. 230.*

In the MS. “*Stacyons of Rome*”—

“*The pope Vrbane y ȝou say,  
In lenton þe fyrist þoresday,*

Shewede Pet' & Powle heuedes two  
 By fore þe romanes & oþr mo,  
 And ḡunted a hondred ger of p'don  
 Seuen myle abowte rome towne,  
 And also mony lentones mo," &c.

*Cott. MS., Calig. A. II, fo. 84, col. 1.*

"Wretyn the fyrist Tewesdaye of Lenten" (*Paston Letters*, 11 Edw. IV, v. II, p. 92). In a petition of an. 12 or 13 Edw. IV, "at a cession holden at Lancaster the Wednysday the iiiith weke of Lenten, the vii<sup>th</sup> yere of your noble reigne" (*Rot. Parl.*, t. VI, p. 34). "Except in the tyme of Lentyn, whan aftyr the rewle of the churche Evensonge ys sayde a fore none."—*Foundation of Ewelme, temp. Hen. VI* (*Hearne, Duo Ber. Angl. Script.*, t. II, p. 551).

The following practice at Rome during Lent deserves to be mentioned:—"On a certain day annually appointed for the discipline, men of all kinds assemble towards the evening in one of the churches, where whips are provided, and distributed to every person present. After a short office of devotion, the candles being put out upon the warning of a little bell, the whole company presently strip themselves, and try the force of the whips upon their own backs. Nothing is heard for near an hour but the noise of lashes and chains, mixed with the groans of the self-tormentors. Seneca, alluding to the very same effects of fanaticism, says: So great is the force of it on disordered minds, that they try to appease the Gods by such methods as an enraged man would hardly take to revenge himself. But if there be any Gods who desire to be worshipped after this manner, they do not deserve to be worshipped at all: since the very worst of tyrants, though they have sometimes torn and tortured people's limbs, have never commanded men to torture themselves (*Fragn. apud Lips. Elect.*, l. II, c. 18). The emperor Commodus, suspecting fraud, commanded that the Bellonarii should cut themselves in earnest: 'Bellonæ servientes vere execrare brachium præcepit, studio crudelitatis' (*Lamprid. in Commodo 97*).—*Dr. Middleton, Lett. from Rome*. See *Quadragesima*.

**Leo.**—July 18, the sun's entry into this sign: G. 410; V. 428; T. 441; E. 455.

**Leo.**—June 28: G. 408; V. 427; T. 440; E. 454. Pope Leo II, elected 16th April, 682, died 3rd July, 688.

**Leo.**—Nov. 10:—G. 417. Leo I, elected 29th Sept., 440, died 4th or 5th Nov., 461. Besides these, there were Leo IV, ordained 11th April, 847, died in 855, July 17 his day; and Leo IX, enthroned 12th Febr., 1049, died in 1054, April 19.

**LEODEGARIUS.**—Oct. 2: G. 415; T. 444; E. 458—**LEODEGARUS**, V. 431. "vi non. Oct. Passio S. Leodegarii" (*Kal. Arr.*, 826). This is St. Leger, bishop of Autun. About 678, the Gallican council having been assembled by King Thierri and Ebroin, mayor of a royal palace which is not named, St. Leger was pressed to confess himself guilty of the death of Childeric II; and notwithstanding his protestations of innocence, he was deprived of his bishopric, degraded, and delivered to the count of the palace in order to be put to death. The manner of his martyrdom is said to be this—that when

Ebroin heard that he had praised God, he ordered his tongue to be pulled out (*Verif. des Dates*, t. II, p. 19). He appears, however, from this account, not to have been a martyr, but a political victim. Petrus de Natalibus dates his death, “vj non. Octobris, ccceclxxx” (*Catal. Sanct.*, l. IX, c. 13), See LIUDGARUS.

**LEOFREDUS.**—June 21 : T. 440 ; interpolated in V. 427.

**LEOFRIDUS, Abbot & Confessor.**—June 21 : E. 454. Leufredus, Leutfredus, or Lefroi, an abbot in 738.

**LEONARD, LEONARDUS, Bp. & Confessor.**—Nov. 6 : V. 432. Abbot and Confessor, E. 459 ; L. 471.

**LEOUN, Pope & Confessor.**—Leo, from its oblique cases, Leonis, Leoni, &c., Oct. 22 : L. 466.

**LEOUTHREDUS, Confessor**—June 21 : V. 427. Leothfred, mart. in the time of Justinian.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 186.

**Letani.**—Old English for *Letania*, *Litania*, or *Litany*.

**Letania Maior.**—The greater litany, April 25, the procession of black crosses on St. Mark's Day : T. 438. “In Letaniis majoribus omnes cruces Romane civitates cum clero et populo honorifice cum processione procedunt ad sanctum Marcum” (*Benedict.*, *Lib. Pollicit.*, n. 56; *Mabill.*, *Ord. Rom.*, XI, p. 145). The substance of Bede's account of this institution is, that in the time of Marius the emperor, St. Gregory was archdeacon of Rome and Pelagius pope, when there were such heavy rains that all the rivers overflowed their banks, and the Tiber came over the walls of Rome. The water bore whatsoever there was of snakes and scorpions in the woods, together with a large serpent like a beam of wood, which came up the Tiber, and was seen by all the Romans. After the waters began to subside and dry, the heat of the sun occasioned a great stench to arise from the carcasses of the reptiles, and whoever inhaled that stench immediately died. Of this plague the Pope was the first to die, when the people chose Gregory, and sent to Constantinople for a confirmation of the election. In the mean time the mortality increased, and Gregory instituted seven litanies, that all might go in procession to St. Peter's. The 1st was of all the clergy ; 2, of abbots and monks ; 3, of nuns ; 4, of widows ; 5, of married men ; 6, of all boys ; and, 7, of women. The mortality ceased, and on that day they fasted on bread and water. Gregory commanded all the church to keep this day, saying that whosoever should celebrate it would not die in that year. After a long time, there was a great mortality in the city of Vienne, and when Bishop Mamercus was performing baptism on the eve of Easter, fire suddenly came from Heaven and burned down the church, with half the city, with a great destruction of life, and lions and wolves came and devoured men. Then St. Mamercus instituted the three days of Rogations (*Serm. Varii, Oper.*, t. VII, p. 501-2). Ælfric writes, that 80 men died the while the folk sang the Letany.—*Homil. in Natale S. Greg.*, in *Langley's Principia Saxonica*, p. 26.

“ Letani is a song as ge mowbe ougte ise  
To bidde ech halwe eft of<sup>r</sup> our help for to be,  
As me deþ a saint markes dai a lite bifor þe masse.  
Now is þ<sup>r</sup> dowlle Letani þe more ȝ ek þe lasse.

þe more is a seint markes dai whan þe ban's bet out ido  
 Wit procession bifore þe masse ȝ isonge þe letani also  
 ȝ þan fastiþ cristeneme' ac for seint markes sone uout  
 Ac for þe letani ȝ þan's þr beþ þanc out ibrought  
 ȝ nouȝt as seiþ mony fol. þt seint Marc furward is  
 To faste his dai ȝ nouȝt his eue. for þt is iseþ amis.  
 Supþe þe lasse letani þe Gang dawes icleþþ bip," &c.

*Cott. MS., Jul. D. IX, fo. 61 b.*

Letanye.—A procession with singing and prayer; so in “Owain Myles”—

“ Fyrst amorow he herde masse  
 And afterwarde he asoyled was  
 Wt holy water & holy book  
 And ryche relykes forth þey toke  
 Eu'y prest & eu'y mon  
 Wente w<sup>t</sup> hym yn procession  
 And as lowde as þey mygth crye,  
 For hym þey songe þe Letanye.”

*Cott. MS., Caligula A. II, fo. 90 b.*

“ And clerkes þat yere were wyd god deuocyon on god gone crye  
 Renested hem in chyrche wyþ processyon, ȝ songe þe Letanye.  
 And oþer gode orysons, to byde for hem alle.”

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 406.*

Letare Jhlrm.—See *Letare Jerusalem*. In the combat of thirty Bretons with as many English in 1350, called the battle of the Trante (*trente*, thirty)—

“ Ce fu a un semmedy que le soleil roia rougit  
 L'an mil ccc cinquante croie ment qui voudra,  
 Le dimence d'apres sainte eglise chanta  
 Letare Jhlrm en yce saint tempa la.”

*Le Combat de trente Bretons contre trente Anglois ; Paris, 8vo, 1827.*

Letenes Tide.—Lenten tide, according to Hearne, but more probably, the time of the Greater or Smaller Litanies.

Leuede Day.—Our Lady's Day. Hearne has called the following passage, on “the first finding of our Lady Day:”—

“ As ȝt vel enlene hundred ger as in þe ger of grace,  
 And tuo ȝ þryty, þat me herd Fonteynes in þulke place,  
 Our Leuede day in Decembre þere beuore was  
 þoru angel vorst byfounde, as ge writeþ þat cas,  
 As in enlene hundred ger ȝ tuenty ȝ nyne  
 After þat god anerþe com, to bringe vs out of pyne.”

*Robert of Gloucester, v. II, p. 441.*

It is not the finding of our Lady Day, the Conception, Dec. 8, but the foundation of Fountain's Abbey in Yorkshire on this day, 1132, that the chrono-

nieler records. Elsewhere, Robert of Gloucester calls it "Oure Leuede day the latere." As to the word *leuede*, it is the first advance of the Saxon *hlaf-dig*—sometimes *hlæf-dig*—to the present *lady*, the *u* being a consonant, as in the Latinized *Ælfred, Aluredus*, where the first *u* is to be pronounced *v*. It may be perhaps mentioned, *en passant*, that modern writers, who affect an antiquated style of orthography, usually write *lady* as *ladye*; but though *ladi* and *lady* are very frequent among our old writers, scarcely any have employed the final *e* in the latter.

*Leynt*.—See *Lenct*, *Lent*, &c.

**LIBERIUS**.—Sept. 24. Pope, elected May 22, 352, died Sept. 24, 366. Feast instituted in 11th century.—*Hospin.*, fo. 16 b.

**Libertas Christiana**.—The Christian Bacchanalia or Saturnalia, during the 12 days of Christmas, are sometimes so called, as well as "Bacchanalia Christianorum."—*Pol. Verg.*, l. V, c. 2, p. 288-9.

**Libertas Decembriaca**.—The same as the preceding, and also a name of the festival of fools, connecting that absurdity in some measure with the ancient Saturnalia :

——— "Age, libertate Decembri,  
(Quando ita maiores voluerunt) utere."  
*Hor.*, II, *Sat.* VII, v. 4.

"Go to, and as our Antient Laws decree,  
Use boldly thy *December's Liberty*."      *Creech.*

**Libra**.—Sept. 17, the sun's entry into that sign : V. 430 ; T. 443.

**LIDA**.—June and July in Bede; but manuscripts after his time have *Litha monath*, which see—"Dicitur blandus sive navigabilis, quod in utroque mense, et blanda sit serenitas aurarum, et navigari soleant æquora"—*Bed. Oper.*, t. I, *De Ratione Temporum*, c. 13.

**Lida** (*Æftera*).—July (see *Litha Monath*). It signifies the second Lida, or the month after the sun's descent.

**Ligna Ordita**.—See *Dominica de Lignis Orditis*.

**LIN**, **LINUS**.—Nov. 26 : V. 432. Pope and Mart., T. 445 ; E. 459 ; L. 471. The first pope, who is said to have died A. D. 73, "perhaps Sept. 23, the day of his feast in all martyrologies" (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III.) In the *Kal. Arr.*, 826.—"VIIII kal. Oct. Natalis Sancti Lini papæ." It has also been observed Nov. 7. Hospinian says that the festival was instituted in the 11th century, by Gregory VII (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 16 b.; see *Progress of Feasts*, p. 133 *suprà*). The following ancient rule for Advent Sunday appears in some kalendars—"Post festum Lini erit semper Adventus Domini." See *Advent*, p. 3 *suprà*.

**Litanie, Litanie** ; **Litanie, Litanies**,—are words frequently confounded with Rogations, because Litanies are chaunted in the processions. "Above all, in the pomp and solemnity of their holy days and religious processions, we see the genuine remains of heathenism, and proof enough that this is still the same, which Numa first tamed and civilized by the arts of religion; who, as Plutarch says (*In Numa*), by the institution of supplications and processions to the Gods, which inspire reverence while they give pleasure to the spectators, and by pretended miracles and divine apparitions, reduced

the fiercest spirits of his subjects under the power of superstition. The descriptions of the religious pomps and processions of the Heathens come so near to what we see on every festival of the Virgin, or other Romish saint, that one can hardly help thinking these Popish ones to be still regulated by the old Ceremonial of Rome. At these solemnities, the chief magistrates used frequently to assist in robes of ceremony, attended by the priests in surplices, with wax candles in their hands, carrying upon a pageant or *thensa*, the images of their Gods dressed out in their best clothes. These were usually followed by the principal youth of the place, in white linen vestments or surplices, singing hymns in honor of the God whose festival they were celebrating, accompanied by crowds of all sorts of the same religion, all with flambeaux or wax candles in their hands. This is the account which Apuleius and other authors give of a Pagan procession. Tournefort, in his travels through Greece, reflects upon the Greek church for having retained, in their present worship, many of the old rites of Heathenism, and particularly that of carrying and dancing about the images of the saints in procession, to singing and music. The reflection is full as applicable to his own as it is to the Greek church, and the practice itself is so far from giving scandal in Italy, that the publisher of the Florentine Inscriptions, from this very instance of carrying about the pictures of their saints, as the Pagans did those of their Gods in their sacred processions, shews the conformity between them : ‘Cui non abludunt si sacra cum profanis conferre fas est pictæ tabulae sanctorum imaginibus exornatum, &c.’ (*Inscr. Flor.*, p. 377.) In one of those processions to St. Peter’s in the time of Lent, I saw the ridiculous penance of the Flagellants, in the same manner as the priests of Bellona or the Syrian Goddess, as well as the votaries of Isis, used to cut and slash themselves,’ &c.—(*Dr. Middleton, Lett. from Rome.*)

Polydore Vergil, like the Florentine editor, makes no scruple of admitting that the processions, litanies, and other pomps of his church, are borrowed from the Pagans : “Ita Romani factabant, et aliae plerique gentes, a quibus ad nos ritus ejusmodi dubio procul manavit” (*De Invent. Rerum*, l. VI, c. 11, p. 393). And in speaking of the images borne about in the processions, he quotes Tertullian, who expresses earnestly his fears that, in so doing, the Christians were paying their devotions to the Heathen Gods (*Ib.*, p. 396). As to the progress of these childish but profane absurdities, there is little to be said. Durandus says that the primitive church kept Thursday as a fast, like Sunday, and made a procession on it in honor of the Dominical Ascension ; but the festivities of saints having multiplied, the fast was taken from Thursday, and the procession transferred to Sunday, by Agapitus I, in 535 : “Et propter hoc Jovis dies dicitur vulgariter cognata diel Dominicæ quia scilicet antiquitus par solennitas fuit utrique” (*Lib. VI*, c. 6). He also says that Liberius, in 596,\* decreed that processions of Litanies should be made for war, famine, pestilence, bad seasons, and other adversities (*l. VI*, c. 102). Gregory the Great, between 590 and 604, added a procession of Litanies to the Purification and Palm Sunday, and Sergius il-

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\* This must have been Silverius, who was ordained in 596, and died in 598, nearly two centuries after Liberius.

lustrated the former with tapers. Honorius I, between 625 and 638, decreed that, on every Saturday ("Sabbatho"), there should be a solemn procession from the church of Apollinaris to St. Peter's with Litanies. Sergius, between 687 and 701, instituted annual Litanies through the city, on the Annunciation, Purification, Nativity and Assumption of the Virgin (*Sigebert. in Chron.*) Adrian I, between 772 and 795, at the request of Charlemagne for the conversion of the Saxons, ordered Litanies to be made in Rome, and all places under its power, on the eve of St. John the Baptist, the day of St. John and Paul, and on the eve of St. Peter the Apostle (*Hadrian., Epist. ad Carol.*) Leo IV, between 847 and 855, ordained triduan Litanies—on Monday—of the pope, clergy and people, from the church of St. Mary ad Praesepe to the church of the holy Saviour, called Constantinian ; on Tuesday, from the church of St. Eusebius to St. Paul's, and on Wednesday, from the Jerusalem to the St. Lawrence's beyond the walls. The Council, or rather Synod, of Gironde (*Concil. Ger. undense*), ordained by one of their ten canons, in 517, two Litanies, the first on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday ; and the second on the first Thursday in November, and the two following days (*Verif. des Dates*, t. I, p. 311). The Council of Toledo III, in 589 (c. 1), resolved that, on Dec. 13, there should be an annual procession with Litanies, for the indulgence of crimes. The Lateran Council of 1215 ordained processions every month, for the liberation of the Holy Land. In these processions are carried holy water, lights, crosses, banners, and bells ringing : sometimes cloth, flowers, and other things, are strewn over the ground, and sometimes a box of relics is borne before the procession (*Durand.. l. VI, c. 6*). Jacobus de Voragine says that the cross is carried in the procession, with bells ringing, that devils, being terrified, may fly away and desist from troubling men ; for the devils, who hover in the gloomy air, are vehemently frightened when they hear the trumpets of Christ (i. e. the bells ringing), and behold the banners—i. e. the crosses (*Legenda 6.*) This is said to be the reason why the church rings bells when tempests are seen to be forming, in order that the devils who make them may hear the trumpets of the eternal King, fly away in consternation, and cease to excite storms. This is the reason why in some churches, in time of tempest, the cross of the church is brought out and opposed to the storm, that the devils may be terrified into a sudden flight. See *Festum Campanarum*.

**Litania Gregoriana.**—The Greater Litany is so called, from its author, Gregory the Great.

**Litania Major.**—The Greater Litany (see Bede's account of the institution, under *Letania Maior*. This Litany is called by the several names following :

1. *Cruces Nigrae*.—Black Crosses, because, in token of mourning for the destruction of men in the plague of 590, and in token of penitence, the men are clad in black, and black veils cover the crosses and altars.

2. *Processio Septiformis*.—The Sevenfold Procession, because Gregory ordained the processions to consist of seven orders of persons : 1, the clergy ; 2, abbots and monks ; 3, abbesses and nuns ; 4, youths and children ; 5, adult laymen ; 6, widows and chaste women ; 7, married men (*Durand., l. VI, c. 102*). In the Album of St. Sabina's in Rome, the order of the Litanies is as follows : The Litany of clergy, to go from the church of St. John the Baptist ; that of men, from St. Martial the Martyr's ; that of monks,

from the church of St. John and St. Paul ; that of virgins, from the church of St. Cosmas and St. Damian, that of matrons from the church of St. Stephen, that of widows from the church of St. Vitalis, and that of poor men and children from the church of St. Cecilia.—(*Hospi., de Orig. Temporum*, p. 357.)

3. *Litania Romana*,—because instituted at Rome.

4. *Litania Gregoriana*,—because instituted by Gregory.

5. *Litania Major*,—because instituted by a pope, and not a mere bishop, as the minor litany was ; and for the same reason it is called—

6. *Processio Major*.—The Greater Procession.

Durandus tells us that Gregory ordained, that the image of the Virgin should be borne in the procession, and he says that, as they were going along, they heard the voices of three angels near the image, singing—

“ *Regina celi lætare,*  
*Alleluia;*  
*Quia quem meruisti portare,*  
*Alleluia;*  
*Resurrexit sicut dixit,*  
*Alleluia.”*

And immediately Gregory joined in the angelic trio—

“ *Ora pro nobis Deum,*  
*Alleluia.”*

This anthem is used in the seven days after Easter. Immediately afterwards, Gregory beheld the angel of the Lord upon the castle of Crescentius, who sheathed a bloody sword which he held in his hand ; hence the castle is called S. Angelo, and the idol of the Virgin is the queen (*Durand.*, l. VI, c. 89 : see *Festa S. MICHAELIS*). Hospiian remarks that if these things, which are not unjustly rejected as fictions, were true, Gregory first introduced the invocation of saints in public litanies or supplications, for previous to this time there were no invocations of the dead. Among the Greeks, Peter Graphæus, who was condemned as a heretic by a general council, was the first to introduce the invocation of St. Mary in the Litanies. This was about 470 (*Niceph.*, l. XV, c. 18). Among the ancients who mention Litanies, they expressly say that they were addressed to God (*Tertul. Apol. Hospi. de Orig. Templ.*, p. 358). By degrees, the commemoration of saints was joined to the invocation of the Virgin ; then they began to intreat their suffrages and mediation. Afterwards came the direct invocation to them, so that Petrus de Natalibus writes without disguise, that Litanies are called Rogations, because, in them, the suffrages and patronages of all saints are singularly and generally implored.—*Catal. Sanct.*, l. IV, c. 94.

*Litania Minor*.—The Less Litany, which was instituted by Claudian Mamer-  
 cus, or Mamertus, bishop of Vienne, about 470, in the time of the emperor  
 Zeno (see vol. I, p. 327). These Litanies are also called Rogations, and  
 Gang Days among the Saxons, and Gang Dawes by old English writers.  
 They are triduan, and take place on the three days before Ascension Day.  
 The Council of Cloveshou, in 747, enacted a canon, embracing both the Ma-

ior and Minor Litanies—"ut Lætaniæ, i. e. Rogationes a clero omnique populo his diebus cum magna reverentia agantur, i. e. die septimo kal. Maiarum, juxta ritum Romanæ ecclesie: quæ et Lætania maior apud eam vocatur. Et item quoque secundum morem priorum nostrorum, tres dies ante Ascensionem Domini in cœlos cum jejuniis ad horam et missarum celebratione venerantur: non admixtis vanitatis uti mos est plurimis —in ludis et equorum cursibus, et epulis majoribus"—*can. 16 (Spelm., Concil., t. I, p. 249)*. Hence it appears that, in the eighth century, the Rogations were celebrated with games, horse-races and banquets. But these frolics were not so vicious as those which occurred long afterwards on the Continent, where, when the processions had left the towns and villages, men and women perpetrated many obscene and filthy things in groves, orchards, vallies and other convenient places, which they could not do in cities or at home. The reason alleged for leading the processions through fields and plains, is precisely that mentioned in the Saxon work referred to in *vol. I (p. 227)*, as well as that of the Roman *Ambarvalia (Ibid., p. 226)*, in which it originated. The Council of Cologne in 1536 (*Par. IX, can. 8*) expressly say, that the reason that Litanies are taken through the fields is, that the people may pray to God to preserve the corn and fruits of the earth; but as this custom hath been depraved, we will that supplications and processions shall for the future be made within the church walls. Naogeorgus describes very graphically a continuous scene of filth and drunkenness, during the processions of these three days:—

“Hebdomas inde venit, peregreque cum cruce vadunt  
In vicinum aliquem vicum. Porro inter eundem  
Cantibus implorant divos, Christique parentem,  
Præcipue postquam ventum illuc, templa subintrant,  
Regnanteque illic divum divamque precantur,  
Ut servet fruges, et grandinia atque pruinæ  
Avertat mala, et annonæ levet omne gravamen.  
Post in cauponam properant, largeque replentur Iaccho,  
Absque cruce ut redeant interdum, gressibus atque  
Incertis misere titubant, revomantque comesta.  
Continuis omnes faciunt tribus ista diebus  
Cum crucibus multis persæpe venitur in unum  
Templum, cœtus sua cantica clamat in auras  
Quisque inde exoritur tristis confusio vocum  
Dum superare alios alij nituntur inepte.”      *Regn. Papist., l. IV.*

Polydore Vergil, having traced these follies to the Roman supplications, observes, that “our” supplications are usually preceded by ludicrous pomps, that is, a military arrangement of horsemen and footmen, or some quaint, noisy (*loquax*), ridiculous effigy, opening its wide jaws, and making a formidable sound with its teeth, besides other ludicrous devices which please the vulgar, in which the prophets are represented, winged boys sing, a chorus of men and women caper about, one acts David, a second, Solomon, some appear as queens, others play hunters leading an ape or cattle, and lastly in this ludicrous spectacle, many ancient stories are performed. Wax tapers are carried and music played, the places through which the

pomps pass are covered over, and (such was the decency of the spectacle) boys and girls were forbidden to look out of the windows. Besides, priests or other persons enact gods ("divorum personas" perhaps, saints), bearing their images or relics: the roads and streets are sprinkled with various odours, and strewed with flowers, and lastly a party are put in command, who clear the way, that the pomp may proceed without impediment. Thus he adds from *Dionys.*, l. VII, was the sacrificial pomp of the ancients conducted (*De Invent. Rerum*, l. VI, c. 11, p. 393). In the processions or rogations in England formerly, and in France, a dragon with a long tail, erect, and inflated, precedes the cross and banners on the two first days, but on the last, the tail, being emptied of air, is carried hanging down behind them; by this, they say that the dragon represents the devil in three ages—before the old law, under the law, and in the time of Christ: in the two first men were deceived by him, and in the last he is overcome (*Durand.*, l. VI, c. 89). It may, however, be very well questioned, whether in these and other mummeries, the devil is not the conqueror. See the astronomical origin of the symbolical dragon, vol. I, p. 53, 219; and *Rogations, Rousouns.*

**Litania Romana.**—The Roman Processions. See *Litania Major*.

**Litania Triduana.**—A Litany or Procession of three days in succession, such as those established by the Council of Gironde in 517 (see *Litania, Litaniæ*). More particularly, the term is used for the Rogations or Litanies, on the three days before Ascension Day.

**Litha Monath.**—June: V. 427. The following is the account of this month in the Menol. Sax. MS.:—On þæm rýxran monðe on ȝearne bið þnrtig ðaga. ȝe monað iþ nemned on læðen iuniu. ȝ on upe geþeode ȝe ærrna liða. ȝorðon ȝeo lýft bið þonne ȝmylte ȝ ða ƿinðar. Onð monnum bið ȝonne ȝepunelic ȝær he liðað on ȝær brymme—[In the sixth month of the year are 30 days. The month is called in Latin Junius, and in our language the former Litha, because the air and winds are then mild. And it is customary for men to sail on the sea].—*Cott MS., Jul., A. X.* In Saxon, lið, liða, are *gentle, mild, serene, and liðan, to sail*. See *Lida*, and *Lytha Monath*.

**LIUDEGARUS.**—St. Leger (see **LEODEGARUS; LEODEGARIUS**). A bishop and chaplain of Charlemagne, who seems to have been translated in 808, according to Stephen of Caen (*Cadomensis*), in his *Annal. Histor. Brev. in Monaster.*: "Anno 808, transitus Sancti Liudegari episcopi et confessoris, capellani ipsius Karoli" (Magni).—*Duchesne, Script. Anglo-Normannic.*, p. 1015.

**Loaf-Sunday.**—Refection, or Midlent Sunday, so called, from the gospel lesson of the miraculous loaves and fishes on this day. See *Dominica de Panibus*.

**Lofeday.**—A Day of Love, on which arbitrations were made and differences settled among neighbours. These days were probably relics of the *Dies Baronum*, mentioned *suprà*, p. 73: "And Lord Skalys hath made a lofeday w<sup>t</sup> the p'or of Hydon in alle mat'ys except the mat'e of Snoryng."—*Paston Letters, an. 1459, v. II*, p. 346.

**LONDBERTUS.**—See **LAMBERT**.

**Long Friday.**—Good Friday, probably from the length and the number of the

lessons and other services: *Lang Fniðæt* (*Chron. Sax.*, *ad an. 1137*). The Παρασκευὴ Μεγάλη (*Joh.*, xviii, 1). In an index of Sundays and festivals among the ancient Anglo-Saxons, published by Schilter—"Thes passio gebyrath on lange frige dæge."—*Thesaur. Antiquit. Teutonic.*, t. I; *Index Dominical.*, &c., p. 65.

**LONGINUS.**—March 15: G. 401; V. 424. A centurion of Isauria in Cappadocia, who, standing with many other soldiers at the crucifixion, pierced our Saviour's side with a spear; and perceiving the miraculous darkness and earthquake, believed in him. He lived 28 years a monastic life, and was martyred on the ides of March:—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 201.

**Lord Mayor's Day.**—The day of Sts. Simon and Jude, the apostles, Oct. 28, was formerly the day of this officer's gaudy inauguration. Since the alteration of style in 1752, it has taken place Nov. 9.

**Lord's Day.**—A translation of *Dies Dominica*, which the House of Peers substituted for the Jewish name Sabbath, which the fanatics of the 17th century wished to fix upon Sunday.

**Lost Sunday.**—Septuagesima Sunday, which, having no peculiar name, was so called—and, by the French, *Le perdu Diemenge*, i. e. the lost Sunday.

**LOUIS.**—See *LUDOVICUS*.

**Love Day.**—See *Dies Baronum*, and *Lofeday*. Sir Robert de Brus, in his advice to David of Scotland, in the council before the battle with the English, in which that king was taken prisoner, says:

" If trespass be misdryuen, þ do þin owen socoure,  
 þ wille mak amendes, tuk a day of loue.  
 If þou ne wille, þou spendes, þ we sall be aboue.  
 þou may haf þi wille, if þou to loue chese.  
 þ if þou turne tille ille, non wote who sall lese."

*Robert of Brunne*, p. 116.

**Low Sunday.**—The octave, or first Sunday after Easter—the *Dominica in Albis* of the Latin writers. On this day the principal service was repeated, but in a lower degree. Another explanation is, that Easter being a high day, its octave was a low day (*L'Estrange, Alliance of Div. Off.*, p. 155). In some places, on the Sunday after Easter, and the whole of the week, the people go down to the wells, springs and fountains, with lights, in commemoration of the passage of the Jews through the Red Sea; and a serpent upon a rod, with a candle, rekindled with a new light, is burning on the serpent's head, in commemoration of the brazen serpent set up by Moses (*Durand.*, l. VI, c. 89). See vol. I, p. 130, 249—*Adoration of Serpents' Eggs, and Wells & Fountains*.

**LUC Evangeliste.**—Oct. 18: L. 470. See **LUKE**.

**LUCAS.**—Oct. 17: G. 415. There is a Lucius, Oct. 18, in *Hieronym.*, *Martyrol.*, xv hal. Nov. See **LUKE**.

**Lucernare.**—The light restored, after the abolition of the curfew, at the hour of vespers or evensong: "Lucernarium usum tempore patris sui intermissionem restitutum de nocte in curia sua."—*Hen. de Knyghton, Chron.*, col. 2314.

**LUCIA.**—Dec. 13: G. 419; V. 433; T. 446; E. 480. "The noble virgin" (*Menol. Sax.*) Died about 304.

**LUCIA, GEMINIANUS, & EUPHEMIA.**—Sept. 16: G. 413; V. 430; T. 443;

E. 457; L. 469. One or other of these saints is contained in each of the kalendars, Lucy a widow, and Geminian, were martyred in the time of Dioclesian and Maximinian, at "Mendula in Sicilia" (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 85); perhaps Merida in Estremadura. Euphemia suffered alone (l. VIII, c. 84). *Lucius*, in *Kal. Arr.*, 826.

**LUCIAN, LUCIANUS.**—Jan. 7: G. 397. "vii id. Jan. In Nicomedia Sancti Luciani presbyteri" (*Kal. Arr.*, 826); apostle of Beauvais in 289 or 312, according to one account. Petrus de Natalibus says that he was a priest and martyr of the church of Antioch, and a very learned man, whose life was written by St. Jerome in his Account of Illustrious Men. He suffered in Nicomedia, in the time of Pope Antherus (*Catal. Sanct.*, l. II, c. 54). Anterus, or Antherus, died in 236.

**Lucus Day.**—Luke the Evangelist, Oct. 18 (see **LUKE**).

"Anon, vpe Seyn Lucus day, þuder hii come ywys  
And bysegdede þe cyte———"

*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 399

"Gode men & women suche a day ge schul haue seynt lucus day goddys  
holy eu'uglyste."—*Cott. MS., Claud.*, A. II, fo. 109 b.

**Lud, Lude.**—March, so called from the Saxon *hlud*, *loud, tumultuous*, as being a month of wind and storms:

"ȝ þe tethe day of Lud in to Londone he drou,  
ȝ mad, þo he was wipinne, þe gates vaste inou."

*Robert of Glouc.*, p. 559.

Matthew Paris relates that Henry, son of Richard, earl of Cornwall and king of the Romans, was assassinated in this month at high mass, in Viterbo, by Guy, son of Simon de Montfort, earl of Leicester, in the reign of Henry III, the brother of Richard. Robert of Gloucester concludes his Chronicle with this event:

"Sir Henri of Alemaine þer after sone, els alas,  
Wende to þe court of Rome, to make som purchas.  
In þe monþe of Lude as he cam hamward bi cas  
In þe town of Biterbe aspied he was.  
Vor on a Friday þe morwe, vp Sein Gregories day,  
As he stod at in masse, as þat folde lay,  
Biuore he weued in his bedes, as þe seere rȝt,  
Com Sir Gui de Mountfort, þat was stalworthy knigt  
ȝ his aunte sone, arm'd well inou.  
ȝ commune wip him, ȝ to him euene drou.  
ȝ s..... im þoru out wip is suerd, ȝ villiche him slou."

**LUDOVICUS.**—St. Louis, bishop of Toulouse, Aug. 19. Hospinian erroneously says that he was canonized by John XXII (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 17 b.) John died in 1334, and Louis was converted into a saint by a bull, dated Aug. 2, 1297, which is considered as a masterpiece of its kind (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 378). The author of this composition was Boniface VIII. There were also,—I, Ludovicus, or Louis, king of

France, 1270, Aug. 19; 2, of Aleman, a bp., 1450, Sept. 16; 3, L. Bertrand, 1581, Oct. 9. The original name is Hlothwig, from leo<sup>v</sup>, or hloð, a prince, people, or army, and piȝa, a warrior; therefore, Ludovicus, Lat., Ludwig, Germ., and Hlothwig, *An. Sax.*, which the French imperfectly represent by their Louis, mean a leader or chief of warriors.

**LUKE.**—Oct. 18, the festival of the evangelist of this name in the Roman kalender; but in that of Carthage it is Oct. 13 (*Mabill., Vet. Analect.*, p. 166). King John died on this day, 1216. So *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 512:

“ At Newarke he deide a sein Lukes day.”

**Luminaria.**—Candlemas.

**Lumina Sancta.**—See *Dominica ante Sancta Lumina*; *Domin. post Lumina Sancta*, and *Festum Luminarium*.

**Lunæ Motus.**—The moon's motion or course. Under this title the following observation, which will be further illustrated under *Saltus Lunæ*, occurs in the *Computus* of the Saxon kalender, *Titus, D. XXVII*: In nono decimo annorum circulo saltus contigit qui motus lune vocatur. In uno quoque anno .i. hora & .x. momenta et demedium momentum apliebit, et tunc nona decima pars demedio momenti augetur. Ita per .x. et .viii. annos hoc modo in uno quoque anno saltus lune adcrescit” (fo. 23). See *Saltus Lunæ*, and *Tid.*

**Luna Incensa.**—The New Moon (see *Accensio* and *Incensio Lunæ*). It is, however, when not qualified, taken for the full moon, when that planet is completely illuminated to our view.

**Lunaticus.**—See *Dominica de Lunatico*.

**Lunatio.**—The course of the moon—in the plu. *lunationes*, the days of that course.

**Lunus Dies.**—For *Lunæ Dies*, more usually *Dies Lunæ*, Monday.

**Lupus.**—Sept. 1. An archbp., 623, Sept. 1; his translation, April 23. According to Vincent, he was canonized in this century (*L. XXXIII, c. 10*). There were also, 1, Lupus or Leu, bp. of Bayeux, 465, May 28; 2, bp. of Troyes, 478, July 29 (*Brit. Sancta*, p. ii, p. 44); 3, bp. of Lyon, 542, Sept. 25. And if Wulstan, or rather Wulfstan, archbp. of York from 1002 to 1023, be the celebrated Saxon writer of sermons, under the name of Lupus, there is another saint of this appellation—Jan. 19 (*Brit. Sancta*, p. i, p. 55). The famous sermon to the English when persecuted by the Danes, in 1014, by Lupus, appears in *Cott. MS., Nero, A. I*, fo. 113-19, but much shorter than that published by Dr. Hickes (*Thesaur.*, t. III, p. 99). He or Mr. Elstob is inclined to think that Lupus is Wulfstan.

**Lustrationis Dies.**—Days of purification by sacrifice, applied to the *Rogations*, *Gang Days*, *Litania Major*, &c.

**Lustrum.**—A solemn sacrifice in ancient Rome, at the end of every five years, which was at length taken to denote that space of time: thus, Horace expresses forty years of age by eight *lustra*, and 50 years by 10 *lustra* :—

“ — Fuge suspicari  
Cujus octavum trepidant ætas  
Claudere lustrum.”

*Carm. II, Od. 4, v. 23.*

“ Suspicious thoughts remove ;  
 Let almost *forty* feeble years  
 Secure thy mind from jealous fears.”      *Creech.*

“ —— Desine, dulcium  
 Mater sœva Cupidinum  
 Circa lustra decem flectere mollibus  
 Jam durum imperiis.”      *Ib. IV, Od. 1, v. 4.*

“ Cease, queen of soft desires,  
 To bend my mind, grown stiff with age,  
 And *fifty* years engage  
 To crackle in thy wanton fires.”      *Creech.*

In a similar manner, *lustrum* is used by the writers of the middle age: John Brontom says of Henry II—“ *Ac cum xxv annis pene regnavit, sex lustra data sunt ei, ad mundanam gloriam, ad conversionis tolleranciam, ad devotionis experienciam, septimum vero lustrum tanquam reprobo et ingrato inflatum est ad vindictam*” (*Chron., col. 1045*) Thomas Otterbourne quotes a prophecy respecting the pestilence in 1349 (1348): “ *De hac pestilentia quidam sic metrice vaſicinavit :—*

Mors facit girum per terras undique dirum,  
 Non consummabit, sed carnem dimidiabit ;  
 Quantum durabit medium lustri reserabit.

*Lustri* continet namque sex literas, quarum medietas, scil. *l u s*, significant numerum, ex quibus consurgit numerus 56 ad quem annum, a primo introitu in Angliam, pestilentia durabit” (*Chron., t. I, p. 133*). LVI would contain equally one half of *Lustri*, and express the number 56 more clearly—unless he mean the long *s*, like the *j* reversed thus, *f*. In this plague, 50,000 died in London alone; and in Germany, 90,000 people were cut off.

*Lux.*—Light, for *Dies*: “ *xii Feb. mensis luce.*”—*Gassar. apud Menchen., Script., t. I, p. 1596.*

*Lwke.*—St. Luke the Evangelist, Oct. 18: “ *Wretyn in hast at Heylysden, the Tuesday next aftyr seyt Lwke.*”—*Paston Letters* (1464), v. IV, p. 200.

*Lyde.*—In Robert of Brunne, is the same as *Lud* and *Lude*.

*Lyftyng vpp the Cross.*—The Exaltation.—*Lansd. MS., 392, fo. 84.*

*Lyon the yonge Pope.*—June 28, in *MS. Catal. of Saints*, temp. Hen. VI.

See *LEOUN.*

*Lytha Monath (Æftera).*—V. 428. The month after Lytha Month, July (see *Litha Monath*). Bede gives it the same name, and consequently the same explanation, as *Lida*. The name in the kalendar (p. 428) is supplied from the *Menol. Sax.*, which, after explaining the origin of the Latin name *Julius*, under *Se æftera Lýða*, proceeds thus—*pone monað þe nemnað on upe geþeoðe re æftera liða. þonne re monað býþ geenþod þe pe nemnað re æftera liða. þonne býþ re niht ehta tyða lang. ȝ re ðæg ryxtene tyða*—[This month we name in our language the after-litha. When the month is ended which we call the after-litha, then is the night eight hours long and the day sixteen hours.] The origin of the term is found in *Lida* and *Litha*.

**MACARIUS.**—Dec. 27. Macaire, a martyr under Decius, 251 (*Petr. de Natal.*, *l. I. c. 47*). See **MACHARIUS**.

**Machabæi.**—Aug. 1: V. 429; T. 442. The festival of the martyrdom of the seven Machabees and their mother is found in the very ancient kal. of Carthage: “*Kal. Augusti Passio Sanctorum Machabæorum*” (*Mabill. Analecta*, p. 167); and that of Arras, 826: “*Passio sanctorum Machabæorum septem cum matre sua*.”

**MACHABEI.**—Aug. 1: G. 411; E. 456. *Petr. de Natal.* (*l. VII. c. 4*) also spells the name without the diphthong.

**MACHARIUS, with EMERENTIANA.**—Jan. 23: V. 422. The Macharius the abbot, at Jan. 15 in this calendar, is an interpolation. He was an Egyptian abbot.—*Petr. de Natal.*, *l. II.*

**MACHARIUS.**—Apr. 8: G. 403. There were also—1, of Alexandria, abbot, 394, Jan. 2; 2, bp., 5th cent., May 1; 3, archbp., 1012, April 10.

**MACHLON, Confessor.**—Nov. 15: V. 432, an interpolation. T. 445. He was also called Macutus, Machutus, Maclou, Macluvius, and Malo: a bishop, A. D. 565.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. ii, p. 276.

**MACHUTUS, MACLOU, MACLUVIUS.**—See **MACHLON**, which probably ought to be *Machlou*.

**MACTAIL.**—June 11: G. 407.

**Madius.**—The month of May: “*Infra Kalendas Madii*”—*Letter of Charles, king of Sicily, an. 1288* (*Rymer, t. I. p. 681*): “*Dat. in Terrer id' Madii A. D. 1289*”—*Letter of Alfonso of Arragon* (*Ibid., p. ii, p. 709*). “*Candela de Madio Mense*,” says Du Cange, are enumerated among the church offerings, in a charter of an. 1090.”

**MAELRUEN.**—July 7: G. 409.

**Mæsse.**—See *Mass*.

**Magdalen** (the); **La Magdelaine.**—July 22, the festival of the Magdalen, in a writ of military summons by Philip le Bel, in 1302, which Du Cange has published: “*Solent à quinzaine de la Magdelaine prochaine venant à Arrez.*”—*Gloss., voc. Summonitio, t. VI, col. 811*.

**Magna Dominica.**—The Great Sunday, i. e. Easter Day.—*Filesa. de Quadrages., c. 16*.

**Magna Precaria.**—A great day's work, performed in lieu of other rent, and the general name of a great or general reaping day. “In 21 Ric. II, the lord of the manor of Harrow on the Hill had a custom, that by summons of his bailiffs upon a general reaping day, then called *Magna Precaria*, the tenants should do a certain number of days' work for him, every tenant that had a chimney being obliged to send a man (*Phil. Purvey, p. 145*).”—*Jacob*.

**Magnifleet.**—A name of Midlent Thursday, taken from the first word of the collect.

**Magnum Paschatis Dominicum.**—The Great Sunday of Easter.—*Filese. de Quadrages., c. 16*.

**Magnus Dies.**—The Great Day, or Easter Day, in the Capitularies of Charlemagne: “*Qui poenitentiam publice agunt, debent esse unum annum in cilio inter audientes, vel usque ad magnum diem.*”—*Capit. Carol.*, *l. V. c. 71*.

**MAGNUS.**—Feb. 4: G. 399. A martyr in Antioch.—*Petr. de Natal.*, *l. III. c. 83*.

**MAGNUS.**—Aug. 19: G. 412; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. Thomas Wilkes uses this martyr's day in his date of the coronation of Edw. II, in 1284: “Dominica quæ anno contigit XIV kal. Septembris in illo festo sancti Magni martyris” (*Chron. in Gale's Scriptores*, t. II, p. 101). He suffered with his companions in Cappadocia, under Aurelian.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 76.

**Mahut.**—An unexplained Fr. name of St. Bartholomew's Day, Aug. 24.

**Maias.**—May: G. 405. In gen. plu., *Maiarum*.

**Malade (le) de trente et huit Ans.**—Friday of the first ember week in France.

**MAMERCUS, MAMERTUS.**—May 11: G. 405. Mamertus, archbp. of Vienne, and author of the Minor Litanies or Rogation Days, died in 477 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 152; *Hospin.*, de Fest. fo. 85). He is as often called Mamercus: “Mense Maio, die Sancti Mamerici Episcopi.”—*Chron. de Mailros*, p. 186.

**MAMMA.**—Of this saint Hospinian says, that he was first mentioned by Gregory the Great, in *Homil.* 35. Perhaps it is Mammas, a shepherd and martyr, Aug. 17.

**Mandati Dies.**—The day of the commandment, or Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday; so called, from the old ceremony of washing the feet of the poor people in the *Cœna Domini* (which see), when the whole choir chaunted the words of Christ: “Mandatum novum do vobis”—A new commandment I give unto you (see *Maundy Thursday*, & vol. I, p. 183-4). In the Benedictional of Archbishop Robert, at Rouen, a MS. of the 10th century, cap. 29, is “Benedictio ad Mandatum ipso die” (*Archæol.*, v. XXIV, p. 119). “Hic Wlnothus ut in Eleemosynaria commorarentur, et mandatum more facerent quotidiano regulariter ordinavit.”—*Matt. Par. in Vitis*, p. 24.

**Mandatum Pauperum.**—The Commandment of the Poor; Saturday before Palm Sunday. In some monasteries, it was customary to wash the feet of as many poor people as there were monks in the convent, on Holy Thursday and Saturday before Palm Sunday. The latter received this name to distinguish it from the former, which was *Mandati Dies*, or the day of the commandment itself. See Vol. I, p. 184.

**Munday Thursday.**—*Gloss. in Matt. Par.*, v. *Cœna Domini*, p. 185. See *Maundy Thursday*.

**MARCE & MARCELLIAN.**—June 18 (see MARCUS & MARCELLIANUS). “In the xv kalende of Juyl in the vigille of Marce & Marecellian.”—*Rotul. Parliamenti* (1 Edw. VI, r. 8), t. V, p. 463.

**Marcell Day.**—Day of Marcellinus.—*Ibid.*

**MARCELLIANUS.**—With Marcus, June 18.

**MARCELLINUS.**—Aug. 9: G. 411. Marcellianus (in *Petr. de Natal.*), a martyr with Secundianus and Verianus at Rome, under Decius.—*Cat. Sanct.*, l. VII, c. 41.

**MARCELLIN & PETRE; MARCELLINUS & PETER.**—June 2: L. 406; G. 407; V. 427; T. 440; E. 454. First mentioned by Gregory the Great, in the 7th cent. (*Homil.* 6.) Marcellinus a priest, and Peter the exorcist, suffered at Rome in 304 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 74). In G. 418, Nov. 27, the same names recur. There is a Peter of Alexandria, Nov. 26. Another Marcellinus, G. 414, Sept. 19. Marcellinus, pope, died 304, Oct. 24—in some martyrologies, wrongly, April 20.

- MARCELLUS & APULEIUS.**—Oct. 7 : V. 431. Martyrs at Rome under Nero.  
—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IX, c. 30.
- MARCELLUS.** Pope.—Jan. 16 : E. 449.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. II, c. 83.
- MARCELLUS,**—With Demetrius—April 16 : G. 403. Instituted in the 11th cent.—*Hospi. de Fest.*, fo. 16 b.
- MARCELLUS,**—With Marcus, Oct. 4 : G. 415. Another, Oct. 6.
- MARCIAL**, Abbot & Conf.—June 30 : V. 427 interpolated ; G. 408. He was a bishop of Limoges in the third century (*Verif. des Dates*; *Catal. des Saints*). See MARTIAL.
- MARCIAN.**—Sept. 28 : G. 414.
- MARCIANUS & PROCESSUS.**—July 2 : G. 409. See PROCESSUS & MARTINIANUS.
- MARC** lewangelist.—Marc l'Evangelist; date of *Stat.* 28 *Edw.* III. *Ewangelies*, the Gospels.
- MARCUS Evangelista.**—See MARK the Evangelist.
- MARCUS & MARCELLINUS.**—June 18 : G. 407 ; V. 427 ; T, 440 ; E. 454. Brothers martyred at Rome, under Dioclesian, for refusing to sacrifice to idols (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 124; *Hospi. de Fest.*, fo. 113); A. D. 286.
- MARCUS & MARCELLUS.**—Oct. 4 : G. 415.
- MARCUS.**—June 8 : G. 407.
- MARCUS**, Pope.—Oct. 7 : V. 431; E. & D. 458. Died 336.
- MARCUS,**—With Fides—Oct. 6 : V. 431.
- March.—March, in our Fr. records; thus, in a diploma temp. Edw. III, in *Rymer*—“Jur de March.”
- Mardi.—Tuesday. *Mardi Gras*, Shrove Tuesday—mod. Fr.
- Maredy.—Tuesday, in our Fr. records, as in the articles of peace between Edward III and the Earl of March, in which the king grants him “soeffrance de guerre par terre et par mier jusques au Maredy, le jour seinte Mergeret la virge prochein avenir, lan de Grace mille ccc trentisme tierze” (*Rymer, Fader.*, t. III, p. 864). In this year, 1333, St. Margaret's Day fell on a Tuesday.
- Margaret Euen.—July 19: “Writen at London on Seynt Margaret enen” (*Paston Lett.*, v. I, p. 112). Sir John Fenn mistakes the date of this letter for “Sunday, 20 July, 1455.”
- MARGARET, MARGARETA, MARGARETE**—(the 1st is Engl., the 2nd Lat., and the last Engl. & Fr).—July 20 : E. 455. A virgin of Antioch, daughter of Edesius a priest; her beauty attracted Olibrius, the governor of the city, whom she refused, and by whose orders she was beheaded. Her Acts, as related in the Saxon *Passio S. Margaretae* (*Cott. MS., Tib.*, A. III), which appears to be the translation of some Latin legend, contain the most improbable absurdities that ever entered the brain of a fanatical or knavish priest of any known church. Some say she was beheaded July 20—others July 13, which Dresser has adopted, notwithstanding his usual accuracy in these matters (*De Festib. Dieb.*, sub die); in some kalendars it is July 15. The Acts referred to fix the circumstance to July 23 : Seo halga manganeta ȝefylðe hine þropunge on iulius monþe. on bone þeo ȝ tƿenteȝ þan dæge—The holy Margaret accomplished her passion in the month of July, on the three and twentieth day (fo. 75 b). As the lady never had a head to be cut off, we may easily account for these discrepancies.

Ralph of Tongerest says that he saw in the Lateran at Rome the Acts of St. Margaret, classed among the apocryphal in the canon of Gelasius (*Rad. Tunghens., de Observ. Can., cap. II, apud Hospin. fo. 118 b.*) Baronius, in his Notes on the Martyrology, does not deny that there are some things in her Acts, by Metaphrastes, which require no little correction. By women in labour she is invoked as another Lucina, because in her martyrdom she prayed for lying-in-women—that if in their pains they were to call upon her name, they might be immediately delivered from the perils of child-birth (*Hospin. de Fest., fo. 118 b.*) This prayer is not in the Saxon Acts. Her feast is employed as a date, in the *Stat. 51 Hen. III, De Distinct. Scaccar.*: “Entour la feste de Saint Margarete.”

**MARGERETE.**—July 20: L. 467.

**MARGRETE.**—July 20, “Suche a day ge schul hauē þe fest of seynt Margrete & þough it be a lyght halyday saue þat þe schyrch is edyfyed in hur name, gitte I warne god for as I suppose þer ben some þat han suchे loue to hure þt he wyl faston hur evon.”—*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II, fo. 88 b.*

**MARGRETYS Messe.**—St. Margaret's Feast, July 20 (*Paston Letters, v. IV, p. 14.*) See *Mass*; *Missa*.

**MARIA ad Nives.**—See *MARY ad Nives*.

**MARIA Candelaia.**—An Italian name of Candlemas.

**MARIA Candelaria.**—Candlemas.

**MARIA del Buon Consiglio.**—April 25. This is the miraculous translation of the sacred image of our Lady of Good Counsel, from Albania to Rome.

**MARIA.**—March 28: G. 402. Petr. de Natalibus has two of this name, whose days in March are not named.—*I. IIII, c. 4 & 5.*

**MARIA.**—May 13: G. 405. This is *MARY ad Natales*.

**MARIA.**—July 22: G. 410. This is *MARY MAGDALEN*.

**MARIA.**—For the Virgin's festivals, see *MARY*.

**MARI Day in Heruest.**—The Nativity, Sept. 8 (see *Harvest Month*):

“ And Sir Faulkes broþer, Sir William of Breute,  
On gibet hii were an honge as þe more vilte  
A seinte Mari day in heruest, þat reuþe it was to se.”

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 519.*

**MARI Day in Lente.**—The Annunciation, March 25.

“ Seinte Mari day in Lente among oþr dawes gode  
Rigt is for to holde hei ho so him unþ'stude.”

*Cott. MS., Jul., D. IX, fo. 30 b.*

**MARIE Conceptio.**—May 2: G. 405. See *Marymas*.

**MARIE Egipciake.**—St. Mary the Egyptian, Apr. 2. This saint is described in Popish legends as having been a very libidinous woman. The following extract is from the ancient manuscript of church festivals, in the rude verse of the 13th century:—

“ Seint Marie Egipciake in egift was ibore.  
Al hire gong lif heo ladde in sinne ȝ in hore.  
Vnneþe zhe was tuelf ger old. ar zhe gon do folie  
Hire bodi. ȝ al here wille heo tok to sinne of lecherie.

þeron zhe hadde so gret deligt. þt in here owe londe.  
 He ne migte nouf felle al here wille. þo gan zhe vnderstonde.  
 ȝ wente into þe lond of Alisandre. ȝ þere woneþe long.  
 Al þt wit here sinegi wolde. gladliche zhe wolde asong.  
 Zhe no spared lehte ne oþr time p'st ne oþr nou.  
 Ne weddeþman, þt heo ne let to hyre gone."

*Cott. MS., Julius, D. IX., fo. 52 b.*

Such were the religious lessons taught to our ancestors.

MARIE Egyptiane.—April 2: L. 464.

MARIE MAUGDELEINE.—July 22: L. 467.

MARIE Tid in Leinte.—The Annunciation.—*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 531.

MARINA.—July 17. This modest lady saint lived in a monastery in men's clothes for some years.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 108; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 118.

Mariside.—Tuesday, in our Fr. records.

MARIUS, MARTHA, AUDIFAX & ABACUC.—Jan. 19: E. 449. Martyrs at Rome under Claudius.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. II, c. 100.

MARK Evangelist.—April 25. This festival is known by several names, which have no sort of reference to the apostle, who, under a purer system of religion, would be entitled to a higher consideration than the stupid institutions of a fanatic or impostor of the fifth century. *Black Crosses*, *Cruces Nigræ*, *Litania Minor*, &c., are names of St. Mark's Day which have been explained. It does not, however, appear that any notice was taken of the evangelist until the end of the 11th century, when, in 1090, Urban II appointed this day for his festival (*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 16 b.) It is pretended that his translation took place in 461 (*Hospin. de Origine Templorum*, p. 356). His Latin name of *Marcus* has furnished an appellation of the loaves called *Panes Marcesii*, or Mark's Loaves, which were formerly made at Erfurt, in commemoration of the great famine in Thuringia (Upper Saxony) in 1498, when the people were obliged to subsist on grass and hay.—*Hildebrand, de Diebus Sanctis*, p. 86.

MARK the Gospeller.—The same, in MS. Lives of Saints, temp. Hen. VI.

MARKUS Day.—St. Mark's Day, April 25: "Gode cristene men & wommen suche a day ge schal haue seynt markus day þt was one of þe fowre þt wryton þe gospelles & prechud hem to þe pepul."—*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II.*, fo. 59 b.

Marseces, Marseches, Marsetes.—In our Fr. records, Lady Day (March 25), from *Marcz*, for *Mars*, March. An example occurs in the metrical account of the deposition of Richard II (*Harl. MS.*, 1399):

" Il jeunoit le marseces."

*Hist. du Roi d'Angleterre*, in *Archaeol.*, v. 20, p. 373.

Marteaux.—See *Notre Dame aux Marteaux*.

MARTHA.—See MARIUS, &c. There is another Martha, who, in the ordinary kalendars, was placed to July 27 instead of July 29 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 15; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 123 b.) The error, if it be one, is corrected in the *Corso delle Stelle*, p. 59, and the *Laity's Directory*.

**MARTIAL.**—June 30. This saint, in many kalendars, is called Marcialis. He is said to have been a bishop of Limoges in the 3rd century; and in 1023, the Council of Paris XI conferred upon his name the title of Apostle, which will perhaps account for the error of Petrus de Natalibus, in making him contemporary with our Saviour; for such an expression as the disciple of Christ seems to mean rather more than a believer and teacher of his doctrines (*Cat. Sanct.*, l. VI, c. 29). The “*Concilium Lemovicense*,” or Synod of Limoges, having, in 1029, decided that St. Martial was an apostle, another synod, in 1031, confirmed his apostolate, and pronounced a terrible excommunication against such as would not preserve peace and justice as the synod prescribed. While the deacon was reading the curse, the bishops cast their burning tapers upon the ground and extinguished them. The people, trembling with terror, exclaimed aloud—“So may God extinguish the lights of those who will not receive peace!”—See the Hist. of Councils, in *Verif. des Dates*, t. II, p. 90, 91.

**Martinalia.**—Martinmas and its observances.

**MARTIN,** Bishop.—Nov. 11: L 471. See **MARTINUS**.

**Martine Day.**—Martinmas, Nov. 11. “Suche a day ge schul haue seynte Martine day, þis is after þe apostolus y holde þe holyest corseynt þat is in holy chyrch” (*Cott. MS., Claud.*, A. II, fo. 113). “Corseynt” is used by Robert of Brunne, *suprû*, p. 236.

**MARTINIANUS.**—See **PROCESSUS & MARTINIANUS**.

**Martinmas.**—The festival of St. Martin. See **Mass**.

**MARTIN of Bullion.**—July 4. See **MARTINUS CALIDUS**.

**MARTINUS.**—Nov. 11: G. 417; V. 432; T. 445; E. 459. Of this bishop it is related, that about 389 he was summoned to attend the Council of Nisme, but refused to attend, which did not turn out to be of much consequence, for an angel revealed to him all that passed; and this (say the French chronologists) is all that we know about it (*Verif. des Dates*, t. I, p. 285). About 581 or 582, the Council of Maçon, by *can. 9*, ordained a fast every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from Martinmas to Christmas. Afterwards, this fast was extended to forty days, whence it was called *Quadragesima S. Martini*, or St. Martin’s Lent—*Quadragesima Parva, La Petite Carême*, the Little Lent, &c. (see *Advent*). The day of his translation and ordination is July 4, G. 409; V. 428; T. 441; E. 455; L. 467—but Petrus de Natalibus has it, “iv non. Mai,” or May 4—l. VI, c. 52.

**MARTINUS CALIDUS.**—July 4, the day of St. Martin’s ordination and translation; so called from the heat of the weather. See *Festum S. MARTINI Bullientis, or Bullionis*.

**MARTINUS, Pope & Confessor.**—Nov. 10: E. 459—in the Gr. ch., April 14. He was ordained July 5, 649, imprisoned March 10, 655, and died Sept. 16 of the same year. Others were—1, abbot & bp., 5th cent., Dec. 7; 2, archbp., 580, March 20; 3, abbot, 601, Oct. 24.

**Martius.**—March. This has also a peculiar signification, resembling that of *Augustus* in Domesday Book and other old records. Under that word is a quotation, taken by Du Cange from the *Tabular. Commun. Increns.*, p. 71, by which it is granted, that all the men of the commune may have their *March* at the vill, or town, from the Purification of St. Mary of the Candles

to the middle of April ; and they may also have their *August* from the feast of St. John the Baptist to All Saints. In this extract, *Augustura* should have been printed *Augustum*.

**Martlemas.**—See *Martylmas*.

**Martron.**—All Saints, formerly called All Martyrs. It occurs in ancient Fr. charters of Languedoc.

**Martylmas.**—Martinmas ; Swedish, *Martelmaстid*, in which there is a super-abundant syllable. Archdeacon Nares considers it to be a corruption of Martinmas. This observation will apply to the Swedish term as well as to the English, which is very ancient. In the “*Lytell geste, how the plowman lerned his pater noster,*” printed by Wynkyn de Worde, we have an account of a husbandman’s wealth, part of which is as follows :

“ His hall rofe was full of bakon flytches  
The chambre charged was with wyches  
Full of eggis, butter and chese,  
Men that were hungry for to ease ;  
To make good ale, malte he had plentye ;  
And Martylmas besy to hym was not deyntyne ;  
Onyons and garlyke had he inowen ;  
And good creme, and mylke of the cowe.  
Thus by his labour ryche was he in dede.”

*Reliquiae Antiquae*, No. 1, p. 43.

“ *Wych*,” a chest (“whuche,” in *Estatutz de la Juerie*, sect. 3), is probably so called from the elm of which it was made, and which was formerly called the witch.

**Martynes Day.**—Nov. 11, in the coronation of Henry I and Matilda :

“ þe cronnynge of Henry, þ of Maude pat may,  
At London was solemnly on saint Martynes day.”

*Robert of Brunne*, p. 95.

**Martyres, Martyrs.**—In the earlier ages of the church, there was a very strict scrutiny into the lives and circumstances of persons, who were said to have died testifying their faith with their blood, before the church would consent to reverse them as martyrs. Afterwards, many persons who had lived and died pure Pagans were classed among the gods of Rome (see *Feast*). One of the early popes (Clement), in order probably to obviate the numerous impostures to which they were subject, established a kind of college of notaries, to collect and record the evidences of martyrdom, which was reduced into what are called the *Acts of Martyrs*. Antherus completed the plan (*Pol. Verg.*, l. IV, c. 11, p. 259). This gave a sort of authenticity to the records, but occasioned in the end the fabrication of legends, more monstrously absurd than the wildest dreams of chivalry, or the phantasmagoria of the German school of *diablerie*.

Many others were accounted martyrs, who did not suffer for religious opinions—such, for instance, are Leger, Elflege, &c. The ancient Christians understood, by honouring martyrs, nothing more than giving them a decent

sepulture; this custom introduced the practice of translating remains from obscure to more illustrious places, and there are several instances of such removals in Plutarch. The custom of translation was soon converted into the superstition of worshipping their carcasses—and even their limbs, when no more could be obtained. Afterwards, veneration was paid to their staves, dress, sandals, &c.; and latterly, saints who were not martyrs were held in similar esteem. Felix I is said to have instituted annual rites in honor of martyrs. This pope sat from Dec. 28, 269, to Dec. 22, 274, and is himself qualified as a martyr by the Council of Ephesus, and by St. Cyril—a character which he has acquired with others, in the length of time, by imprisonment or suffering; not always by a violent death. Afterwards, Gregory decreed that sacrifices should be paid to their bodies at the same time; this was between 590 and 604. It is also reported that Anacletus was the first author of it, whence, says Polydore Vergil, it would follow, that Felix merely decreed divine service to the memory of martyrs (*De Invent. Rerum*, l. VI, c. 8, p. 379). Others believe that the worship of saints and martyrs was introduced about 317. Eusebius, who died about 440, quotes Plato, in order to incite the Christians to imitate the example of the Pagans in their devotion to their heroes, and to honor their martyrs with prayers and vows. The list of popes, including St. Peter the apostle, counts thirty-two from the year 34 to 304, of whom all are called martyrs except seven. See *Diva*; *Relics*, *Reliquie*; *Saint*, &c.

**MARY.**—The principal festivals of the Virgin, in their order in the kalendar, are—*Candlemas* or Purification, Feb. 2; *Annunciation*, March 25; *Visitation*, July 2; *Assumption*, Aug. 15; *Nativity*, Sept. 8; *Presentation*, Nov. 21; *Conception*, Dec. 8. Besides these, there are some festivals in commemoration of pretended miracles performed by her, which give an addition to her name. Several of these—the most noted—have been mentioned under *Lady*; others will be found under *Notre Dame de*—. In England, besides “*Our Lady of*—,” it has been very usual to state the festival intended, as “*Mary ad*—, or *of*—.”

**MARY ad Martyres.**—See *Natalis MARIE ad Martyres*.

**MARY ad Nives.**—In English kalendars (see *Festum MARIE ad Nives*; *Lady ad Nives*). Sometimes it is *de Nive*.

**MARY Day in Harvest, in Lent.**—See *MARI Day*.

**MARY of Loretto.**—See *Lady of Loretto*. “I have observed a story in Herodotus (says Dr. Middleton), not unlike the account of the travels of the House of Loretto, of certain mystical things that travelled about from country to country, and settled at last in Delos (l. IV, p. 235). But this imposture of the holy house might have been suggested, by the extraordinary veneration paid in Rome to the cottage of its founder, Romulus, which was held sacred by the people, and repaired with great care with the same kind of materials, so as to be kept up in the same form in which it was originally built (*Dion. Hal.*, l. I.) It was also turned into a temple, and had divine service performed in it, until it was burnt down by the fire of a sacrifice, in the time of Augustus (*Dio*, l. XLVIII, p. 437); but what makes the similitude still more remarkable is, that this pretended cottage of Romulus was shewn on the Capitoline Hill, ‘per Romuli casam, perque veteris Capitolii humilia ~~tu~~ juro’ (*Val. Max.*, l. IV, c. 11)—whereas it is certain that Ro-

mulus himself lived on Mount Palatine (*Plut. in Rom.*, p. 30; *Dion. Hal.*, l. II, p. 110; *Ed. Huds.*)—"Letter from Rome.

**MARY MAGDALEN.**—July 22: G. 410; V. 428; E. 455 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 124). She is often mentioned in Scripture—but there is ancient controversy whether there were several, or one and the same. The catalogue of the bishops of Laodicea relates, that the founder of this feast was Albero, whom the Appendix of Marianus Scotus calls Perodalberus, bishop of that see in 1125 (*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 118 b, 121 b.) Although there is reason to doubt whether the Mary Magdalen of this festival be this or that Magdalen mentioned in Scripture, we find a credulous priest, at the end of the fifteenth century, describing her as a glorious *Apostoless*. F. L. G. de Savonna, in 1485, speaking of the College of St. Mary Magdalen at Oxford, says:—"Gloriosæ Apostolissæ D. N. J. Christi dedicatum est, &c." (*Wharton, Anglia Sacra*, t. I, p. 326). "Gode men suche a day ge schul haue þe feste of Mary Magdale þat was so holy þat oure lorde ihu criste astur hys modur he loudy mōste of alle wo'men" (*Cott. MS., Claud.*, A. II, fo. 89 b.)

As a date it is often found: "Et cum in crastino Dominicæ proximæ ante festum Sanctæ Mariæ Magdalene, dictus Rex Francorum transitio ponte, &c." (*Mat. Par.*, ad ann. 1242). The following is the epigraph of a beautiful foreign engraving of the Magdalen, and may not be generally known:—

" Magdala dum gemmas, baccisque monile coruscum  
Projicit, ac formæ detrahit arma sive,  
Dum vultum lachrymis et lumina turbat; amoris  
Mirare insidias! hac arte capit deum."

**MARY MATPELLON.**—The ancient name of the church of St. Mary, Whitechapel, from the Heb. or Syriac *Matfel*, a woman who has lately brought forth a son—alluding to Mary's delivery of our Saviour.—*Strype's Ed. of Stowe*.

**Marymas, Marymas Day.**—Any of the Virgin's festivals (see *Mass*). In dates where there is an attention to accuracy, there is usually some indication of the particular Mass or festival intended; thus, in the Saxon Chronicle (ad ann. 1122), we have it thus—on the day of the sixth of the ides of September, which was on *St. Marie mæsse dæi*, St. Marymas Day. This was the Nativity of St. Mary, Sept. 8. But in the following case, if it were not stated to happen the time of the *Beltane*, obscurity would arise: "An ancient practice still continues in this parish and neighbourhood, of kindling a large fire, or *taunle*, as it is usually termed, of wood, upon some eminence, and making merry around it, upon the Eve of the Wednesday of Marymas Fair in Irvine" (*Statist. Acc. Scott.*, v. VII, p. 622, *Jamieson*). In the Runic Kalendar, Marymas is determined by a distinctive addition, like the Saxon above:

" Mariu m. i. fastu."  
*Ol. Worm., Fast. Danica*, p. 130.

Marymas in the Fast.

This is precisely the same in signification as our old *Mari day in Lente*, and *Marie Tid in Leinte*, for the Annunciation; Lent in both languages was καὶ ἡ ξοχῆν, the Fast. In G. 405 is a line transcribed from the Kalendar

*Tiberius*, May 2, which seems to explain the Marymas Fair at the time of the Beltane in Irvine :

" *VI non. Mai.—Concipitur virgo Maria cognomine senis.*"

Here, then, seems to have been observed in the Saxon period, a festival of the Virgin's own conception, and not to be confounded with the festival of her conception of our Saviour. Of this festival I find no other mention.

**MARY MAUDELYN Day, MARY MAWDELYN Tyd.**—The Magdalén's Day.

" Writyn on my way homward on Mary Maudelyn day at Mydnyght" (*Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 206). In the accounts of the prioress of St. Mary de Pree is the following item: " Paid for the pitaunce atte Mary Mawdelyn tyd two tymes xxiiid."—*Monast. Anglic.*, t. III, p. 359.

**Marz.**—March, in our Fr. records.—*Will of Henry, duke of Lancaster, Nichols' Royal Wills*, p. 83.

**Marzache.**—The Annunciation, which falls in March, so called from *Marz*.

**Mass.**—In dates, is the day of a festival, from the Saxon *mærre*, *mæsse*—from the Latin *missa*, a mass; and also, in dates, a festival day. It most frequently occurs in English as a termination of a name, and was anciently written with the second letter of the Saxon diphthong *æ*, *mes*. In this manner we have Petresmæsse, Martinsmæsse (*Ll. Cnuti*, c. 10)—Petersmas and Petersmes, Martinsmas, Martinmas & Martinmes; Candlemas; Pentecost-mas, Pentecostmes, Pentecostmas Day and Pentecostmas Week, Pentecostmas tide (On pentecosten mærran puce—*Chron. Sax.*, Ann. 1102): and so of other festival days and weeks. In like manner, *meese* is used for day in Germany, as *Frankfurtermesse*, where *messe* stands for *feria*, a day, and also a fair—and the compound is the day or fair of Frankfort. The Latin *missa* is used in the same manner (see *Missa*). That *mæsse*, *mass*, *mas*, *mes*, *messe* and *missa*, are all of the same origin, can admit of no doubt; but the derivation has given rise to some curious conjectures. Gaspar Barthius derives *mess*, or *metta*, from the city "Metensis," and his reasons may be seen in his *Adversaria* (l. XLVI, c. 8). Mr. Robinson thinks these words correspond in meaning with the Lord's *supper*, because *mats* (Mœso-Goth), is *esca* meat, and *Kirch Messe*, in German, is church feast; and he says we have the same term in *mess of pottage* (*Archæol.*, v. XXVII.). The German *Kirch-Messe*, sometimes found *Kirmesse* and *Kirms*, is equivalent to *Kirchweih*, by contraction *Kirbe*, and signifies the mass performed in honor of the consecration or dedication of the church—and so, the anniversary of the day of dedication, which was anciently a day of feasting and rejoicing, both in Germany and other countries. In England, *mass* as a termination, and *feast* as a translation of *festum*, were synonymous; and on account of those anniversary mass-days being a period of rejoicing, these words came to signify also, feasting. The Saxons had not the word *fest* or *feast* (except in Latin, *festum*), until it was introduced by the Normans. The former invariably used *mæsse*, a feast, festival, or day of worship. Without going to the Mœso-Gothic, it is sufficient for the present purpose to observe, that *mess*, in a *mess of pottage*, is in all probability derived from the verbal noun *missus*, used by Lampridius for the action of serving or *sending* dishes to the table, and thence it came to be used by later writers for the meat served, and the dish on which it was served. Through-

out the *Forms of Cury*, or roll of cookery compiled about 1300 by the master cooks of Richard II, the expressions (one occurring as often the other) "serve it forth" and "messe it forth" are equivalent. "Messe the dissh" is found in a receipt for capon-pottage, or broth (*Capons in Con'c's*, p. 20). Nothing is more clear than that, in the language of cooks, *mess* and *dish* should have become synonymous—and that to *serve meat*, should have supplied us with the expression, *a service of meat*. Now many Roman Catholic writers derive *missa*, the mass, from the verb *mittere*, to send, serve forth or mess forth; but who will pretend, that because *mess*, of food, and *mass*, in religion, have the same origin, they are exactly of the same signification? The word "messu," a mass, occurs in the death song of Regner Lodrog; we have it in another orthography in Saxon, and it is not, therefore, strange that the German termination, *messe*, should also denote a mass or a mass day. The very ancient custom of feasting together, on days set apart for religious observances, as on the *Natales Dies* of the Pagans, and the Lord's Supper among the Christians (*Pol. Verg.*, l. V, c. 1, p. 285), may have contributed to the confusion of terms. See *Missa*.

Mast Time.—See *Tempus Pessionis*.

**Mateyns.**—**Matins.** Writyn in le fest de tous seynts ent' Messe et Mateyns (on the feast of All Saints, between mass and matins).—*Paston Letters*, 1440, v. I, p. 8.

**MATHEUS**, Apostle & Evangelist.—Sept. 21 : V. 430 ; T. 443.

**MATHEU** the Apostle.—Sept. 21 : L. 469.

**MATHEU** the Euangelist.—St. Matthew the Evangelist, Sept. 21. In *Cott. MS.*, *Jul.*, D. IX, fo. 131 :

" Sein Matheu þe eu<sup>n</sup>ungelist. apostel he was y wis.  
Eu<sup>n</sup>ungelist ȝ ek apostel. boþe he was ȝ is.  
For as our lord ou<sup>n</sup> lond eode. sein Matheu he sei bicas  
His master do of walking. for walkere he was."

**MATHEUS.**—Sept. 21 : G. 414 ; E. 457. "Gode men & women such a day ge schul haue seynt matheus day þt is goddis holy apostel þe wheche hath none evyn sette in certyne for to faston bot at amannes deuocion as John Belet seyth" (*Cott. MS.*, *Claud.*, A. II, fo. 41 b.) So, in the Saxon Chronicle : On wixhla Mathei apostoli. ȝ pær poðner ƿæz (ann. 1066). "Letyng yow wete y<sup>t</sup> I hadd non er this lettyr then on sent Matheus evyn." *Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 178.

**MATHEW Euen.**—Sept. 20. Robert of Brunne, speaking of Harold Harfæger, says that he—

" In an arme of Ouse vnder Ricalle lay  
On seynt Mathew Euen, on a Wednesday."

*Chron.*, p. 57.

**MATHI** Apostel.—See **MATTHIAS**. Feb. 24.

" Sein Mathi apostel is. as ge scholle y wyte.  
þorou shot apostel y mad he was. as we findeþ y write."

*Cott. MS.*, *Jul.*, D. IX, fo. 27.

**MATHIANUS.**—Feb. 24 : G. 400. Is this Mathias ?

**Matins.**—The canonical hour of midnight. The custom of praying at or a little after midnight, is justified from Ps. 118: “ Media nocte surgebam”—and was first instituted in the monastery of Bethlehem.—*Istidor., de Eccles. Off., l. I, c. 23; Casal., de Veter. Sacr. Christ. Ritib., c. xxxxv, p. 200.*

**Mattense.**—See *Matins*.—It occurs in *Lansd. MS.*, 392, fo. 73.

**MATTHIAS** the Apostle.—Feb. 24. According to the old rule, in leap years this festival is to be held on the fourth day from the St. Peter's Chair (Feb. 22) inclusively: “ Si bissextus fuerit quarta die a Cathedra S. Petri inclusive fiat festum S. Mathiae” (*Portifor. Sarisbur., vi kal. Mart.*) Hospinian says that the festival was instituted by Urban II, in 1090.—*De Rext.*, fo. 16 b.

**MATTHEUS, MATTHEW.**—Sept. 21. His body is said to have been found in 954 in Ethiopia, translated to Britain, and thence to Salerno.—*Chron. Cassii.*

**MATTHY Day.**—The Day of St. Matthias.—*Paston Lett.*, v. III, p. 290.

**Maudeleyn Day.**—The Magdalen's Day (see **MARIE MAUGDELENE**):

“ On þe Maudeleyn day, a littelle bifor Lammessee,  
To Scotland γ Galway com mykelle folk alle fresse.”

*Robert of Brunne, p. 304.*

**Maundy Thursday.**—*Mandati Dies*, the day of Christ's commandment on instituting the Lord's Supper. Archdeacon Nares, and some others, suppose that the word **Maundy** comes from man'd, *a basket* (see *vol. I, p. 184*); and in the Glossary to Matt. Paris, it is said to come from the Saxon *mandye*, charity. If there be such a word, it is a derivative from the Latin *mandatum*, which, as it has in its peculiar sense a reference to works of charity, may have been taken for charity itself. **Maundy**, in our old writers, is a mandate: “ In his second parte, he treateth of the maundye of Christ with his apostles vpon the Sheare Thursday, wherein our Saviour actually dyd institute the blessed sacrament, and therein freelite gaue his owne veray fleshe and bloude to his twelue apostles” (*Sir Thos. More's Works*, p. 1038). It is the day before Good Friday, when (says Jacob) is commenced and practised the command of our Saviour in washing the feet of the poor. This ceremony first commenced in 1362, and for a long time the kings of England observed the custom, on that day, of washing the feet of a number of poor men equal to the years of their reign, and giving them shoes, stockings, and money (*Law Dict.*) The kings of England probably imitated the practice of the pope on this day, who washes the feet of twelve poor men. This is mentioned by St. Augustine (*Epist. ad Januar.*, 118). In the churches, on this day, all the altars are stripped of their ornaments, and covered with black cloths, and all the candles, except one taper, are solemnly extinguished (see *Tenebrae*). On this day, in the mass at Rome, all heretics are solemnly cursed—“ Excommunicamus et anathematizimus, ex parte omnipotentis Dei ac nostra, quoscunque Hussitas, Lutheranos, Zuinglianos, Calvinistas, Hugenotos, ac eorum credentes, ipsorumque receptores et fautores, ac generaliter quoslibet eorum defensores, ac legentes eorundem libros sine autoritate nostra: Et eos, qui se a nostra obedientia pertinaciter substrahunt vel recedunt” (*E Bulla in Cæna Domini*: see *vol. I, p. 183-6*, for **Maundy Bread**, **Maundy Money**, and other customs). **Maundy ale** and **Maundy**

money occur in the accounts of the prioress of St. Mary de Pre: "It'm paid for pitaunce on Saint Leonard's day at ij tymes, xxij*d*. Item paid for was-sells at New Yeris tyd & Twelf tyde ij*s ix*d**. Item paid for howselyng brede, syngyng brede and wyne v*d ob*. Item paid for wyne on ij Maundy Thursdays x*d*. Item for ayere & ij quarts for Maundy for Maundyale x*s v*d**. Item delyv'ed to the sisters atte ij Maundy Thursdays for Maundy money xxj*d*. Item vpon ij bonefyrenyghts paid for brede & ale xij*d*."—*Monast. Anglic.*, t. III, p. 359; *Ellis Edit.*

**MAURIC,** Abbot & Confessor.—Jan. 15: L. 461. This is **MAURUS**.

**MAURIC** & his Companions.—Sept. 22: L. 460. See **MAURICIUS & Socii**.

**MAURICE Day**.—Sept. 22 (see **MAURICIUS et Socii**). Thomas Holland, earl of Kent, after the deposition of Richard II, was seized and conveyed to Plessy; "of which the common sort having intelligence, they came thither in great numbers, and upon St. Maurice day, about sunset, brought him out and cut off his head."—*Dugd. Baron.*, v. II, p. 79.

**MAURICIUS & Socii**.—St. Maurice and his Companions, Sept. 22: G. 414; V. 490; T. 443; E. 457. The story, or rather fable, told of this saint is, that he was the leader of the Theban legion, and suffered with Exuperius, Candidus, Innocentus, Victor, Vitalis, and Constantius, his standard-bearers, with the rest of the legion, consisting of 6666 men, under Maximian, at Aganum (now St. Maurice), for refusing to sacrifice to idols, in 270 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 103). A monastery was built upon the spot by Sigismund, king of Burgundy—his helmet and sword were worn by Charles Martel against the Saracens, and his ring is yet worn by the dukes of Savoy, according to the accounts of those, who feel an interest in propagating a belief in the most monstrous improbability that ever entered the head of a monk, dreaming in his cloisters. The charter of Offa, king of the Mercians, to the monastery of Worcester, is dated—"et Bragantaforda anno incarnationis Christi DCCLXXX, Indictione tertia, dieque Passio Sancti Maurici a fidelibus celebratur."—*Monast. Anglic.*, t. I, p. 587.

**MAURUS**, Abbot.—Jan. 15: V. 422; T. 435; E. 449—"Mauric" in L. 461. He lived about 584.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. II, c. 79.

**Mauvais Riche**.—Among the French, Thursday in the second week of Lent.

**Mawndye**.—For **Maundy**, in a warrant of Queen Elizabeth "to the Great Wardrobe, for Her Majesties Mawndye."—*Nichols, Royal Progress.*, v. III, p. xi.

**MAXENTIUS**.—Apr. 29: G. 404. There is an abbot and bishop Maxentius, 515, June 26 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 85). Perhaps it is Maximus, Apr. 30.

**MAXIMIANUS**.—Oct. 26, in the Kalend Julius, where G. and T. have *Ælfred*.

**MAXIMIANUS**.—May 29: G. 406. "Maximinus," bishop of Treves in 349 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 64). "Maximinus," or "Maximus," a very celebrated bishop, the guest and friend of Athanasius.—*Hosp. de Fest.*, fo. 87.

**MAXIMUS**.—Nov. 18: G. 418. A priest & martyr, *xviii* kal. Dec. (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. X, c. 83—see **MAXIMIANUS**.) Others were—1, Maximus, 250, April 30; 2, 282, Dec. 27; 3, bishop of Ries, 460, June 25 and Nov. 27; 4, confessor, 5th cent.; Aug. 20; 6, abbot, 602, Aug. 13 and Dec. 30; 7, Maximus, or Mauxc, & Venerandus, martyrs in Normandy, 6th cent., May 25.

**Mays.**—For *Mois*, a month, in our Fr. records. Langtoft writes—

“ A Waltham pres de Loundres sa demene abbaye,  
Quatre Mays enteres solempniente seruye ;”

And Robert of Brunne translates it—

“ To Waltham þei him [Edw. I] broght baring þe clergie  
For monethes for him wroght his seruise solempnlie.”

*Chron.*, p. 341.

**Mechir.**—Jan. 26th, the 6th Egyptian month : V. 422. Makkir, or Venus Urania.

**MEDARDE.**—June 8. “ About the feaste of seynte Medarde in monyth of Junii,” &c.—*Fabyan, Chron. by Ellis*, p. 317.

**MEDARDUS**, Bishop, & **GILDARDUS**, Bp.—June 8 : V. 426; E. 454. The first was bishop of Tournai, formerly Tournaisis and now Gemappes, in the 6th century. Rain on his day is portentous of wet weather for the forty following days (see vol. I, p. 321); and with good reason, quoth Petrus de Natalibus, because when he died it rained hot water. He is the patron of vineyards, because by his words he bound a thief who was stealing his grapes, so that he could not get away without the bishop's permission. He died in 537, under Justinian (*Cat. Sanet.*, l. V, c. 97). On this day the ancients celebrated the Fugalia, or *Fugialia*, the most joyful day of the gods, when the people delivered themselves up to every license (*Lud. Viv. in c. 6, l. II*; *August. de Civit. Dei*, where Augustine says—“ Erant vere Fugalia, scilicet pudoris et honestatis” ).—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 112 b.

**Media Jejuniorum Paschalium Septimana.**—The middle Week of the Easter Fasts, is the fourth week of Lent among the Greeks, and the third among the Latins.—*Du Cange*.

**Mediana Octava.**—Passion Sunday. “ Actum est hoc sexta feria ante dominicam, quam vocant medianam octavam” (*Fulcuin. de Gestis Abb. Lobiens.*, c. 38; *D'Acher. Spicil.*, t. II, p. 742, edit. fol.) See *Dominica Mediana*.

**Mediane Octubrio.**—In the middle of October.—*Bened. Liber Pollicit.*, n. 75.

**Media XL**, **Media Quadragesima.**—Midlent. Trivet says that Henry II besieged the castle of Toulouse, in 1159, “ circa medium quadragesimam ” (*D'Acher. Spicil.*, t. VIII, p. 445). Thomas Wikes (*ad ann. 1283*) dates —“ v kal. Aprilis dominice scil. mediae xl ” *Chron. in Gale's Script.*, t. II, p. 111); and Midlent Sunday fell on March 28 in this year, so that, in his chronology, the year began at Jan. 1, and not March 25, for that would have been 1284. In a charter of Ranulph de Blundeville, about 1228, it appears as one of the four terms, quarters of the year : “ Burgi dabunt firmam suam ad iiiij<sup>or</sup> anni terminos, scilicet, ad Natale Domini iij<sup>d</sup>, ad medium xl<sup>nam</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>,” &c.—*Baines, Hist. Lanc.*, v. II, p. 171.

**Media Septimana.**—Wednesday, the middle of the week. In a charter of Count Ulrich zu Regenstein, in 1508—“ Ame middeweeken na Prisce virginis ” *Baring., Clav. Diplom.*, XVI, p. 494). This date is Wednesday, Jan. 19, the day after St. Prisca's Day.

**Medium Quadragesimæ.**—The same as *Media Quadragesima*. “ Cirea medium quadragesimæ regina Anglie missa est ad fratrem suum, Regem Fran-

eis, qui magna ex parte Vasconiam invaserat, ad pacem procurandam."—*Tho. Otterbourne, an. 1323, v. I, p. 111.*

MEDO.—March 13 : G. 401.

Medsypp.—Explained to be a supper given to labourers at harvest-home. It occurs in *Placit. 9 Edw. I*, quoted by Cowell and Jacob. The composition of the word informs us, however, that it is not the meal which we call supper, but a drink called mead, and formed from *meado* or *među*, *mead*, and *ripan*, *to sip*. Supper is the French *souper*. Though there is not precisely this word in *Beowulf*, there are numerous compounds of a similar kind, as *međo ƿpine*, *mead drink*, *međo ƿel*, *a beer hall*, *među benc*, *a mead bench*, or bench on which mead was drunk; and in like manner, *med-syp* is a drink of mead, which, having been given at harvest-home, may have been used, in the pleadings quoted, for the time of harvest.

Meen temps.—Mean time, for *meens temps*: "En le meen temps," meanwhile. —20 *Edw. III, st. 3 ad fin.*

Meintefoitz.—Many times: "Autres ount meintefoitz eu outrageous allowances per faux testmoignage des overaignes le roi."—*Stat. de Dist. Scaec., 51 H. 8.*

Mell Supper.—A supper at harvest-home, either from *mæle*, *farina*, *corn*, *a supper of corn*, or *mæle*, *a meal*.

Memento mei.—Introit, and formerly the name, of the 4th Sunday in Advent, which was afterwards called *Rorate Cæli*.

Memoria.—The commemoration, or anniversary or festival, of a saint.

Memoria Omnium Sanctorum.—The commemoration of All Saints, Nov. 1.

Memphiticus, a, um.—Jan. 11, *Jul.*, where G. 397 has *Nemphiticis*.

"Memphiticis dominus deducitur arvis."

Our Lord is conducted to the plains of Memphis

Some commemoration of the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt.

MENNAS, Martyr.—Nov. 11 : V. 432; T. 445; E. 459. A Scythian martyr in 304. *Menas*, martyr under Dioclesian and Maximian.—*Petr. de Natal., l. X, c. 48.*

Menses.—Months. Bede's account of the months is as follows:—The ancient English computed their months according to the course of the moon, and thence they receive their name from the moon, in the manner of the Greeks and Hebrews. So, among them, *luna* was called *mona* (the moon), and *mensis* was called *monath* (a month). The first of their months, in Latin *Januarius*, is called *Giuli*; then February is *Solomonath*—March, *Rhed-monath*—April, *Eosturmonath*—May *Trimilchi*—June, *Lida*—July, likewise *Lida*—August, *Weidmonath*—September, *Halgmonath*—October, *Wyntyrfylleth*—November, *Blotmonath*—December, *Giuli*, the same name by which January is called: but when an embolism occurred, that is, a year of thirteen lunar months, they added a superfluous month, so that three months were called *Lida*, and, on that account, the year itself was named *Trilidi* (*Oper., t. I, De Temporum Ratione, c. 18*: see *Embolismus*). Eggenhart, the historian of Charlemagne, gives this account of the months. That emperor, he says, imposed names upon the months according to the language of the country: January he called *Winter Manath*—February, *Hornung* (the meaning of this term is uncertain)—March, *Lenz Manath*

(*Lenet monath*, A.-Sax.—Spring month)—April, *Oster Manath* (Easter month)—May, *Wunns Manath* (*wyn*, joy, pleasure, delight, A.-Sax.—the month of gladness)—June, *Prach Manath* (the sense is not certain, but may it not mean the splendid month, in allusion to the summer sun, or the flowers of this month?) Thus this month is described in the Poetical Menology, so often quoted in this Work:—

Dænne monað bringð.  
ýmb tƿa ȝ ȝeo.  
tr̄ða lange.  
ærna liða.  
up to tune.  
Iunius on geasr̄.  
on þam ḡm aſtihð.  
on heopenar up.  
hyhſt on geape.  
tungla tophtarf.  
and of tille aȝnynt.

Then the month brings  
after two and three  
long days, to us  
the former Litha  
into its place,  
June on the earth,  
in which the gem ascends  
up to the heavens  
highest in the year,—  
of stars the brightest  
and from its height descends.\*

Cott. MS., Tib., A. I., fo. 111.

The Germans have preserved *Hornung* as the name of February, but not this appellation of June. They have *Pracht*, magnificence, splendour, &c., and this seems to be the word. To proceed with Eigenhart:—July he called *Heu Manath* (the hay month)—August, *Arn Manath* (harvest month—perhaps *Aru*)—September, *Herbst Manath* (herb month)—October, *Wyn M.* (wine month)—November, *Wind M.* (wind m.), and December, *Heelig M.* (sacred m.)—*Vit. Carol. M.*, c. 29). In Spelman's Glossar., and particularly in Dr. Hickes's Thesaurus, are many names of months.

Mensea Cavi et Pleni.—Vacant and Full Months. “ Some months are called *pleni*, and others *cavi*; the *pleni* consist of 30 days, the *cavi* of 29, and these two, in the Lunar or Lunar-solar Year, are placed alternately, by reason of the appendage of 12 hours, which being omitted in one month, and doubled in another, make 24. For this reason they can be no longer neglected, but are to be compensated by the 30th day, over and above the 29th.”—Strauch., *Brev. Chron.*, b. I., c. 5, a. 8.

Mensis Intrans, Introiens, Introitus.—The month entering, or the entry of the month. The first 16 days of months containing 31 days, and the first 15 of months of 30 days. These days were counted 1, 2, 3, as at present, merely adding the word *intrans*, or *introiens*, as die 14 intrante Maio, for May 14 (*Verif. des Dates*, art. *Glossaire des Dates*). The following are a few examples:—“ Tertia die intrante mense Novembri” (*Rymer, Fæder.*, an. 1288, t. I., p. 695-7). “ Dat. Burdegal sexto die mensis Junii intrantis, A. D. 1283” (*Ibid.*, p. 629). “ xii die introitus mensis Februarii” (p. 728). The following is another example, from the *Belli Sacri Historia* in Mabillon's *Museum Italicum* (t. I., p. ii, p. 180): “ Hæc omnia gesta sunt die

\* *Aȝnyndan*, to ground. “ A fixa statione (solstitio) descendens.”—Lye.

intrante mense Junii in die Jovis." Though these dates are respectively, 3rd Nov., 6th June, 12th Feb. and 3rd June, it will be seen from the following article that the additions are not unnecessary. See *Dies Intrantes et Exeuntes*.

**Mensis Exeuns, Exiens, Stans, Restans.**—The Month going out, standing, remaining. This term, *Mensis Exeuns*, was given to the last 15 days of the month (*Verif. des Dates*). In the *Belli Sacri Historia*, published by Mabillon, the following date occurs under the year 1098: "Factum est hoc praelium in die sancti Sylvestri, quod est uno die stante mense Decembri." This battle was fought on the day, which is one day in the month of December standing, i. e. according to these explanations, Sylvester's Day, which in our reckoning is Dec. 31, is Dec. 1 of the month standing, by counting backwards for 15 days (*Museum Italicum*, t. I, p. ii, p. 163). It is not easy to see how *stans* and *restans* can apply to such a case, if we take only their classical sense. Again; the date of the death of Pope Anacletus, in 1138, who was elected in opposition to Innocent II, is dated, "septimo die stante mensis Januarii"—on the 7th standing day of the month of January: counting 7 days from Jan. 31, we arrive at Jan. 25, which in fact was the day of his death (see the date in the History of Popes, in *Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 344). Again; in the convention of peace between England and Arragon, in 1288 (*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. I, p. 689), "Quarto die exeunte mense Octobris," is the 28th Oct., for in counting from the end of the month, the 31st is 1—the 30th, 2—29th, 3—28th, 4—27th, 5. Other instances are in pp. 691, 692, & 715. *Actum tertia die exeunte, astante, &c., mense Septembris*—or, *Actum tertia die exitus mensis Septembris*, denotes the 28th Sept.; and the date, "Ultima die exeunte mense Novembri," in Rymer (t. I, p. 700), is Nov. 15, according to these rules. Du Cange has collected other examples of this kind of computation in the middle ages.

The Greeks distributed time in a similar manner. They divided their months into three decades, and reckoned the two first in a direct or natural manner, *μῆνος ἡταμένου πρωτη*, *mensis ineuntis prima*—*μῆνος μεπονυγός πρωτη*, *mensis mediantis prima*, or *πρωτη ετι δεκαδή, undecima*. The last decade was generally counted backwards, *Φθινοντος μῆνος ενδεκατη, desinentis mensis undecima*, for the month of 31 days—and for those of 30 days, *δεκατη, decima*. In both cases, the 21st day of the month was indicated, and consequently the computation was in a retrograde order. But it seems that from the 5th century, the Greeks divided their months into two parts only, which were nearly equal—and that *Φθινοντος μῆνος* included all the second, which might be extended to 15 days. In fact, Synesius uses the date, *τετ και δεκατη Φθινοντος μῆνος, decima tertia desinentis mensis*.—(*L'Art de Verifier les Dates*).

Du Cange quotes Mabillon's *Dies Intrantes et Exeuntes* (*suprà*, p. 75) from a different edition of his *Analecta*, judging, from the reference (*t. IV, p. 480*) and remarks, that they do not coincide either with Rolandinus, who lived in 1265, or with charters.—*Glos.*, *t. IV, col. 672*.

**Mensis Magnus.**—June, because it contains the longest days.

**Mensis Missionum.**—August, or harvest-month. In all probability, it is a translation of the Saxon or the German name of the month.

**Mensis S. MICHAELIS.**—Michael's month, which occurs in 51 Hen. III, *stat.*  
S, concerning General Days, appears to be the law term called Michaelmas.  
—See *Moise*; *Moys of Pasche*.

**Mensis Novarum.**—April.

**Mensis Paschæ.**—The Easter Month, or term.

**Mensis Philosophicus.**—The time of digestion, or forty days, among the older chemists (*Johnson, Lexicon Chymicum*, p. 143; *Lond.*, 1652). The philosophical month is the time of putrefaction, or period imitating the course of the moon, and in some cases occupying thirty, and in others forty days. It is called philosophical, because that time is required in preparing the philosopher's stone ("quod in artificio lapidis philosophici usurpetur"); but even a smaller number of days constitute this month, which is usually defined according to the nature of the operation, and the perfection of the work.—*Ibid.*, p. 145.

**Mensis Placentarum.**—The Month of Cakes, in Bede, when speaking of Solmonat, or February: "Solomonat dici potest mensis placentarum quas Dilis offerebant"—February may be termed the month of the cakes, which the ancient English offered to their Gods (*De Temporum Ratione*, c. 13). This, then, is the origin of pancakes in England, and Spelman calls February, or at least this *Mensis Placentarum*, pancake month.—*Gloss., sub voc.*

**Mensis Prohibitionis.**—In the forest laws, the 15 days before Midsummer and the 15 after. See *Fence Month*.

**Mensis Purgatorius.**—February, on account of the Purification, celebrated on the 2nd of this month; or rather because the Romans offered expiatory sacrifices in February.

**Mensis Vetus.**—The same as *Mensis Prohibitionis*.

**Mensis Undecimus, 11th; Duodecimus, 12th.**—January and February among the Romans, and in charters of the 10th century, when March was the first month, August the sixth, and December the tenth month.

**Merchoris & Mercuris Dies.**—In 1065, for *Mercurii Dies*, Wednesday.

**M'eur.**—Wednesday. "Wretyn in hast at Westm' m'eur in festo sancti martini, 1450" (*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 102). St. Martin's Day, Nov. 11, in 1450 fell on Wednesday.

**MERGERET la Virge.**—St. Margaret the Virgin. See *Maredy*.

**Merkedy, Merquedy.**—Wednesday, in our Fr. records: "Donn lan mil' trois cens vint et nief le Merquedy apres le jour saint Johan Baptiste" (*Rymer, Fœder.*, t. III, p. i, p. 769). Wednesday after St. John's Day, in 1329, was June 28.

**Mershe.**—March, in old English. See *Averil*.

**Mesonestime.**—Among the Greeks, midlent week, which is their fourth quadragesimal week.

**Mesopentecoste.**—Among the Greeks, the 8 days beginning with Wednesday of the 4th week after Easter, and ending with the Wednesday following. It is described in the Latin title of a Greek homily, as "Mesopentecoste, sive quarta feria tertiae hebdomadæ post Pascha."

**Mesquerdy.**—Wednesday, in a letter of Edw. III, an. 1367: "Mesquerdy d'apres la Pentecost."—*Rymer, Fœder*, t. III, p. 827.

**Messe.**—See *Mass*; *Missa*.

**Mete.**—A Month, in our Fr. records.

**Meyes.**—The same. See *Mays*.

**Mi-Aoust.**—Middle of August, in our Fr. records, is the Assumption, Aug. 15.

**MICHAEL, MICHAELIS, Archangel.**—May 8, and Sept. 29 (see *Festa S. MICHAELIS*). In the grant of a coat of arms, 5 Hen. IV, to Thomas del Bothe, of Barton, co. Lanc., ancestor of Booth, earls of Warrington, the following date occurs: “ Le dismange prochaine devant la fest de seynt Michaell l’Archangelle lan regne le Roy Henry quart pays le conquest quint” (*Harl. MS.*, 2063, fo. 174). This is the Michaelmas festival, 1417. *Michaeles Tyde, Michaeles Massa, and Eve of Michaeles Mass*, occur in the Saxon Chronicle, ad Ann. 759, 1011, 1014, &c.

**MICHEL.**—In our English and Fr. records: “ Son accompt soit primerement apres le saint Michel,”—*Stat. de Dist. Scaccar.*, 51 Hen. III.

**Midesummer, Midsummer Day.**—Midsummer, among the Saxons and some of our earlier writers, denotes the 24th of June, although without the addition to determine it with precision. For instance—“ between gang days and midsummer,” is between the Rogations in April and June 24; but what is more to the point is, the date of Queen Ethelfleda’s departure from Tamworth, on June 12, 920, which is thus stated: *heo gepon .xii. nihtum æn miðdan rumeja. pridie id Junii (Chron. Sax.)*—i. e. She departed twelve nights before midsummer, on the day before the Ides of June. From this day to June 24 are twelve days. The same matter occurs again under the year 922, but without specifying the “ pridie id. Junii.”

**Midewinter, Midwinter Day.**—Christmas and Christmas Day. The same observation applies to Midwinter as to Midsummer. The compilers of the Saxon Chronicle, when speaking of any particular day, employed the Roman computation until 729, when they departed from it, and dated the death of Adulf, bishop of Winchester, in the same manner as we should, “ on the 10th day of June.” The first Christian festival used as a date is “ St. Machael’s Tyde,” in the year 759. Until 763, there is no mention either of 8 kal. Jan., or Dec. 25—and then that day is not styled the day of our Saviour’s Nativity, or even Christmas, but Midwinter. The reason is, that the pagan festival in honor of the sun, at the Winter solstice, though changed by the church of Rome into a festival in honor of the nativity of Christ, had not entirely been forgotten. Even King Alfred, in a law regulating the observance of certain saint-days, employs the word *gehol*, or *Yule*, which was the name of the pagan festival to the sun on Midwinter, considered as a day. As the reader of the translation of this law will not find this to be the case, *Ælfred’s words are subjoined:*

#### Be mæsse ðægse fneolige.

Eallum fneoum mannum ðær ðægar ryn fongyfene. butan ȝeopum mannum. ȝ efen rihtum XII. ðægar on GEPOL. ȝ þone ðæg ȝa epur ȝone ȝeopol ofengriþðe. ȝ reintus Gnezdoruig. gemynðe ðæg. ȝ .VII. ðægar to eaftnon. ȝ VII. ofer. ȝ an ðæg æt reint perfer tide. ȝ reint pauler. ȝ on hærfestre ȝa fullan pucan æn ȝea manian mæffran. ȝ ealna haligna peonðunge an ðæge. ȝ feopen ȝoðnefðægar on feopen ȝymbnen pucum. ȝeopum eallum rynð fongyfen. ȝæm ȝe him ry to ȝyllanne. ȝ gehu ellef.

*Of Mass-day freedom.*

To all freemen these days are granted, except to slaves and poor workmen. Twelve days in *Yule*. & the day when Christ overcame the devil; & St. Gregory's Mind Day, & 7 days at Easter, & 7 after; & one day at St. Peter's & St. Paul's tide; & in harvest (August) a full week before St. Mary's mass; and in worship of all Saints 1 day. And the 4 Wednesdays in the 4 Ymbring weeks are allowed to any one to grant to all his slaves, &c.

This Gehol, or *Yule*, is translated by John of Brompton, "in sancto Natali Domini" (*Chron.*, p. 826)—on the holy natal day of our Lord. The coronation of Henry II is dated thus, in the reign of Henry III :

" Henri þe emperesse sone, þo kyng Stefne ded lay.  
At Westmynstre let him crouny kyng þe next Soneday  
Bioure Midewinter day." *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 467.

Under the year 827, the Saxon Chronicle has midwinter mass for Dec. 25. See *Hydewinter*.

**Midivint.**—Midnight, in our Norm. Fr. records.

**Midlent, Midlenton.**—The fourth Sunday in Lent : " Writen at London y<sup>e</sup> Wednesday aft' Midlenton" (*Paston Letters*, v. I, p. 156). This is the Saxon term : a general council was summoned at London the se'night before Midlent—" viii nihton aær Midlenctene." *Chron. Sax.*, 1055.

**Midsomeretide.**—The same as Midsummer Day. In the siege of Kelinworth (Kenelworth) Castle, 1216 :

" Fro Midsomeretide to the Apostle S. Thomas  
The feld mayntened þer side, þe castele holden was."  
*Robert of Brunne*, p. 224.

See *Annales de Waverley*, p. 222 (*Gale*, t. II.)

**Midwintermas.**—For *Christmas*. See *Midewinter*.

**MIKIEL.**—Michael, or Michaelmas in our French records. In a letter of attorney, in 1329, it is directed that Jehu de Haynum shall receive of the customs of London 1000 marks yearly, at the term of Easter and Michaelmas following : " au terme de la Pasque et de le saint Mikiel suiant apres."—*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. III, p. i, p. 769.

**Mighelmasse.**—See *Michael*; *Robert of Glouc.*, *Robert of Brunne*, &c. In the statute of labourers, 23 Hen. VI, is a clause, "That this statute begynne to be of force and executorye in the fest of Mighelmesse yat shall be in the yere of our Lord 1446."—*Rot. Parl.*, t. V, p. 113.

**Migratio.**—In martyrologies, the passing from earth to heaven. See *Dormitio* (for death).

**MIHEL, Mihelmasse.**—Michael, and Michaelmass :

" ȝ for þe mani fair myracle. þt of sein Mihel com.  
Het halewi Mihelmasse dai. þorou al cristendome?"  
*Cott. MS., Jul., D. IX*, fo. 134.

**MILEBURGE, Virgin.**—Feb. 23 : L. 462. She lived in the 7th century.—*Brit. Sanct.*, p. i, p. 129.

**MILDRED**, Virgin.—July 13: E. 455. Mildred, an abbess in 670. Her festival is Feb. 20, in *Brit. Sancta*, p. i, p. 129.

**Miliaires**—The years of a thousand years, in old Fr. charters: “Cest escris fut fais viss jors apres la feste Sainte Remei kant li miliaires corroit par M & CC & LX & XVII ans.” This writ was made 8 days after St. Remus, in the year 1277.

**Milk.**—A day annually observed in Scotland by a school, when the boys present a small gift to the master, in return for which, he provides for them a treat of curds, milk and sweetmeats.

**Millia dena quater Martyrum Passio.**—March 19: G. 401. The Passion of the 40,000 Martyrs.

**MILWYDE.**—Jan. 17 (*Brit. Sancta*, p. i, p. 51). She is also called Milgethe.

**Mind Day.**—An anniversary day (see *Anniversalis*). In the very ancient will of Byrchtric and Ælfswitha, mention is made of this Mind-day as follows, with Lambarde's interlined translation:—

		yeeres minde
“ And euerie yeere at their mynde two		
An's elce geane to heora gemynde tƿegna		
rent, corn & victuals		
days ferme of Haselholte, &c.		
daga fegnme of þærholte ”		

(*Hearne, Text. Roffens*, *Pref.*, p. xxv; *Hickes, Thesaur.*, t. III; *Diss. Epist.*, p. 52). In his Latin version, he rather explains than translates it: “Et omni anno in diebus anniversariorum suorum ordinaverunt servitoribus ecclesiae Sancti Andreæ firmam duorum dierum de terra illa, &c.” (*Hearne, Text. Roff.*, p. 113; *Monast. Anglic.*, t. I, p. 171). These Mind Days are also called *Month's Mind*, *Obits*, *Year's Mind*, &c.

**Minde.**—See *Mind Day*. Thomas West, an ancestor of the Earls Delaware, by will, 8 April, 1404, leaves £100. to the minister of Christ church, Ewynehham, on condition that the canons of that monastery should solemnly keep the Minde of Thomas his father, the Minde of Alice his mother, his own Minde, and the Minde of Joan his wife (*Dugd. Baron.*, v. II, p. 140). It is here equivalent to *obit*.

**Minnyng Days.**—Blount says, from the Saxon *gemynde*, i. e. q. Mynding Days (*Bed. Eccl. Hist.*, l. IV, c. 30). Days of Commemoration. See *Anniversalis*.

**Mensis.**—For *Mensis*, a month. See *Age*.

**Mirabilia, Domine.**—A name of the second Sunday after Easter.

**Miracles, Feast of.**—See *Festum Miraculorum*.

**Miserere mei, Domine.**—Introit and name of the sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

**Misericordia Domini.**—Introit from Ps. 33 (“Misericordia Domini plena est terra”), and name of the second Sunday after Easter. This is a frequent date: Post Pascha ad illam dominicam, Misericordias Domini” (*Udalric. de Antiq. Consuet. Clun.*, l. III, c. 16; *D'Acher.*, t. I, p. 695). “Dominica qua cantatur Misericordia Domini (*Matt. Par.*, an. 1229). The council at London, 1226, says Tho. Wikes, was held “in crastino dominicas qua cantatur Misericordia” (*Gale*, t. II, p. 40). The date of a charter relating to

the liberties and customs of Evesham, is dated thus: "Facta etiam fiat, dicta assisa anno ab Incarnatione Domini M<sup>o</sup> CC<sup>o</sup> XI, die Dominica qua cantatur Misericordia Domini, anno regni Regis Henrici filii Regis Johannis 25."—*Monast. Anglic.*, t. II, p. 34.

**Missa, Messe, Mass.**—In dates, the day of any festival with which any of these words is conjoined, as *Missa S. Johannis*, or *S. Johannis Missa*, which is the same as St. Johnmas, St. Johnmesse, or the mass of St. John. So *Missa Mariae* is Marymas—*Missa Martini*, Martinmas; and among the Saxons, this was the principal mode of naming festivals, thus they had Pentecostmas, Petermas, &c. Sometimes they added *day*, as *Briciusmas-day*, which then means the day of the mass or festival of St. Brice. The word *Missa*, or mass, appears to have been first used in the fourth century, by St. Ambrose, in his *Epist. 33*, and to have been adopted about 394 (*Augustin. de Temp.*; *Cassian.*, l. III, c. 7). The Council of Carthage use the word in 398: "Episcopus nullum prohibeat usque ad missam catechumenorum, neque haereticum, neque Judæum, neque gentilem ecclesiam ingredi et audire verbum Dei" (*can. 84*). It occurs in the epistle of Pius to Justus, bishop of Vienne, in 168; but Cardinal Bona admits that this epistle is of dubious authenticity (*De Rebus Liturgieis*, l. I, c. 18), and he thinks that the name was not in use until after the third century (*Ibid.*, l. I, c. 10). Others affect to trace the word to the Hebrew (*Pol. Verg.*, l. V, c. 12, p. 398). Cardinal Bona is among those who take it from the Latin *mittere*, to send (*suprad.*, l. I, c. 8). This is the most probable derivation; and it is remarkable that "the priests of Isis, in Rome, on dismissing the people, employed a Greek formula at the termination of the sacrifices—λαοὶ αφεσις, *populis missio*, the sending of the people away—almost equivalent to the old Roman 'Ite, missio est'—*Go away, it is ended*; whence the Papists, before the celebration of the eucharist, after they had commingled with it a portion of the pagan rites, used to address the catechumens, 'Ite, missa est'; from which it is evident, that not only the unmeaning epithet, but also the blasphemous object itself, is purloined from the Gentiles" (*Illustrations of Popery*, p. 258; *New York*, 1838). In the second book of the Golden Ass, Apuleius declares himself to have been present at the rites of Isis, which he thus describes: "At cum ad ipsum jam templum pervenimus Sacerdos Maximus, qui quod divinas effigies progerebant, et qui venerandis penetralibus pridem fuerant initiati, intra cubiculum deae recepti, disponunt rite simulachra spirantia. Tunc ex iis unus, quem cuncti Grammatea (sic Græci vocant scribam) dicebant, pro assidens, cætu pastophorum, quod sacrosancti collegi foribus nomen est, velut in concionem vocato, indidem de sublimi suggesto, de libro, de literis, fausta vota præfatus, principi magno, senatusque, et equiti totique Romano populo, nauticis navibus, quæque sub imperio mundi nostratis reguntur, renuntiat, sermone rituque Græcensi, ita λαοὶ αφεσις, *populis missio*. Quam vocem fœliciter cunctis evenire signavit populi clamor insecurus. Exin gaudio delibuti populares, talos, verbenas, collas ferentes exosculatis vestigiis deæ, quæ gradibus haerebunt argento formata, ad suos discedunt lare." The Pagan and Papist ceremonies coinciding, it is not strange that the formulas of dismissal should agree. The mystery of the Lord's Supper, at a very early period, occasioned the Heathens to calumniate the Christians in a manner at once injurious and absurd; and it is amusing to find the Papists endeavouring, by means of these very as-

persions, to identify the impious rites of the mass with the dominical institution. Thus Casalius, in a chapter *De Calumniis*, attributes them all to the celebration of the Mass by the ancient Christians! "The Christians (he says) were accused of infanticide, cannibalism, and other atrocities, because they were accustomed to say that they were fed on the holy body and blood of Christ. Justin Martyr (*Dial. cum Tryph.*) asks—Do you believe of us that we devour men, and after the repast, having extinguished the lights (*post epulum lucernis extinctis*), wickedly mix in promiscuous intercourse?" Casalius explains *epuli* and *lucerne* to be the Agapes, or love-feasts after the Mass, and the tapers! He then quotes Tertullian's Apology (c. 7), where he rebuts the charge of infanticide (see *Corna Domini*), and then alludes to the accusation of promiscuous incest, which (says Casalius) arose from the kiss, when the Christians saluted each other, in the name of sister and brother, in the Mass. Tertullian, of course, says nothing about the Mass: his words are—"Dinumera loca, ubi mater, ubi soror; nota diligenter at cum tenebrae occiderent caninæ non erres; placulum enim admiseris, nisi incestum feceris" (*Apol.*, c. 8). Then, says the former, because the sacrifice of the Mass was secret and nocturnal, the Christians were accused of worshipping the priest's genitals. In support of this he quotes Minutius Felix (in Octavio): "Alii eos ferunt antistitis, ac sacerdotis colere genitalia, et quasi parentis sui adorare naturam; nescio an falsa: certe occultis ac nocturnis sacris apposita suspicio." So also Arnob., l. VIII (*advers. Gentes*). Then he says that they were accused of worshipping an ass's head ("Jam quidem somniasti, caput asinimum esse deum nostrum" (*Tertul.*, *Apol.*, c. 16); and certainly it is far more rational to worship the work of the divine hands, than a carved piece of wood or stone, or a piece of corruptible bread. Moreover, the Christians, he says, were accused of worshipping the sun, because, in the Mass and other services, the priest turns towards the East; and Bacchus and Ceres, because bread and wine are used in the Mass. This rests upon the authority of Augustine (*Contra Manich.*, l. XX, c. 18). Not one of the writers quoted takes the least notice of the Mass (see *Causal. de Veter. Sacris Christian. Ritibus*, c. 9; *Fol. Rom.*, 1647). The Mass is contemptuously mentioned in the death-song of Regner Lodbrok:—

"Hiuggum veir med hiorve.  
Hundrudum sa eg liggia.  
A Eirefis aundrum.  
Thar Æinglanes heitir.  
Sigldum veir til snæru.  
Sehs dægum adur lid fiele.  
Attum odda messu.  
Fyrir upruna solar.  
Vard fyrir vorum suerdum.  
Valdiosfur i styr hniga."

*Lodbrokar Quida,  
stroph. xi.*

We have hewn with our swords.  
Hundreds upon hundreds saw I lying  
on the snow shoes of Eirefur,\*  
where Æinglanes is the name.  
We sailed to the furious flame,—†  
for six days ere the armed enemy fell  
we performed the mass of points;‡  
At the rising of the sun,  
compelled by our swords  
Valdiosfur fell in the fight.

\* Eirefur's snow shoes are ships.

† Flame, for war.

‡ Points of swords, spears, &c.

Perhaps, says Olaus Wormius, it was used in contempt of Christianity, which the Danes had rejected in favour of the ancient religion (*De Literatura Danica*, p. 200). With greater probability he might have conjectured, that the doctrines and practices of Rome occasioned the disgust of the royal bard and warrior.

A modern writer on Papal Rome has the following remarks on the Mass, which he necessarily connects with Pagan rites, as every one must who treats the subject rationally :—“ But there are other and far deeper corruptions still maintained in the Roman church. The Papists hold that the mass is offered a real and proper sacrifice, whose virtue is supposed to prevail to give them success and prosperity in any undertaking ; on all occasions it is the custom to make vows, and send a certain sum of money to the priest to say a certain number of masses, more or less, according to the means or bounty of the offerer. From what other than a heathen source is this derived ? In vain will the attempt be made to trace it to any other origin. In Paganism the custom was universal; every historian and poet—almost every antique sculpture—furnish proofs of it ; Virgil, both in the *Georgics* and *Aeneid*, abounds with sacrifices offered for success in wars, in harvests, and in voyages ; Juvenal, in his 12th satire, makes a festival for the escape of his friend Catullus from a storm. Here the almost exact resemblance between the Pagan and Papistical rites and offerings is indeed remarkable :—

“ ‘ Haste, youths, and wreath the shrines with solemn zeal,  
Deep sink in flour the sacrificial steel ;  
Let placid fumes from many altars rise,  
And quick I'll bring my grateful sacrifice.  
Thence, home returned, their little garlands there,  
My puny gods of fragile wax shall wear ;  
These to domestic Jove shall incense fume,  
And all the Spring around my Lares bloom.’ ”

“ This passage is a short description of heathen rites, when rescued from peril, and how much they resemble those of the Roman creed practised on like occasions, it is not very difficult to perceive. The vows or sacrifices offered up were used on the same occasions, and thought to have the same beneficial effects, and are the same in use as those in the Papal sacrifice of the mass at the present day. In one thing, indeed, the copy differs from the original; the Pagan who carried these sacrifices to be offered, in general partook of them himself, whereas the Papist, in like circumstances, frequently sends money only to the priest, who is often to celebrate these masses alone, and if the givers do attend, they seldom partake, but only kneel and worship the host at a distance ; so that the latter is more superstitious, and more unlike the communion of the bread and wine, than even the heathen sacrifices were. The ceremonies used in performing the mass are evidently copied from Paganism, the great variety of emotions, the frequent joining and stretching forth the hands, beating the breast, crossing the altar, the elements and themselves, no less than thirty times repeated in the service, and eight times in one short prayer, the short turnings to the people with only a *Dominus vobiscum*, then back again to the altar, taking hold of it with both hands, kneeling and kissing it, frequent short and silent kneelings

to the host, rising quick, turning and shewing it to the people, then kneeling again, and muttering the prayers in so low and inarticulate a voice, and that with the back to the people, that they might as well be in the Chinese language as in the Latin, or in any blasphemy if it so suited, for any thing that can either be heard or understood. All these gestures are expressly commanded in the rubrie of the missal, and the only part that is ordered to be spoken aloud is when the cup is presented, and the priest says, "*hoc est corpus;*" the back being also turned to the congregation, it evidently is the intention of the regulators of the ritual, that by the people it should neither be heard nor understood, but that their devotion should consist in gazing at and admiring the priest, and the splendour of his garments and equipments. If a primitive Christian was to enter a Popish church while half a dozen of these masses were celebrating—a thing by no means unusual—would he not rather take them for the fanatic Galli, or priests of Cybele, performing her rites, than Christians partaking of the communion of the Lord's Supper? the candles, the incense, the shape and ornaments on the altars, would aid the deception ; and the bell which is rung by the priest or an attendant on the elevation of the host, would he not recognize as an instrument belonging to her rites, to draw the people's attention to the goddess ? and would he not suppose the wafer, the mola farina used in the sacrifice, made of barley-flour, salt and water, rather than the bread of the sacrament ? The Papists say these ceremonies are copied from the Mosaic ones of the Jews—but that is not the fact. The manner of sacrificing among the Jews was, to put the blood with the finger upon the horns of the altar, and to pour the remainder at the foot of it—and in the consecration of the priests, to sprinkle some blood on their garments ; but this has nothing to do with the turnings, enthusiastic and mysterious gestures, used at the mass, which more resembles that of a heathen priest performing his strophes and antistrophes, and endeavouring, by a variety of emotions, to persuade the people of his divine inspiration ; it is so exact a counterpart, that no one who sees the copy can doubt the original. One of the Popish gestures ordained by the missal, is to keep the thumb and the forefinger closed together from the time of the consecration of the bread to the ablution, or washing of hands, which is just at the end of the service; the hand is once ordered to be wiped in the meantime, and after that it might be supposed there was no occasion to preserve this posture, if the design was only to preserve any little bit of bread that might happen to stick to the finger and thumb ; but it is rather singular that this very posture of the finger and thumb was the constant practice of the heathens ; Apuleius says, describing their manner of adoration, '*Admovenientes oribus suis dextram priori digito in erectum pollicem residente.*'

"There are still further resemblances in the worship of the bread and wine, in the observances of the mass. The Egyptians worshipped the onion, Juvenal says, *sat. 15:*

" 'O sacred race, whose vegetable gods  
In every garden grow.'

What a small change will convert this satire into a Popish practice :

" 'O sacred race, whose vegetable gods  
Each oven bakes :'

Or—

“ ‘ O sacred race, for whom each oven bakes  
A batch of gods.’ ”

“ ‘ O, sanctas gentes quibus hac nascuntur  
In hortis numina.’ ”

In 1313, the emperor Henry VII was poisoned at Beneventum by a monk, when administering the mass-wafer. But the history of Gage's conversion from Popery to Christianity is curious, and might be instructive to the Papists themselves. He tells us that—"Whilst this traffic was at Portobel, it happened unto me that which I have formerly testified in my Recantation Sermon at Paul's church, which, if by that means it have not come unto the knowledge of many, I desire again to record it in this my history, that to all England it may be published; which was, that one day saying the mass in the chief church, after the consecration of the bread, being with my eyes shut, at that prayer which the church of Rome calleth the Memento for their Dead, there came from behind the altar a mouse, which, running about, came to the very bread or wafer-god of the papists, and taking it in his mouth, ran away with it, not being perceived by any of the people who were at mass, for that the altar was high by reason of the steps going up to it, and the people far beneath. But as soon as I opened my eyes to go on with my mass, and perceived my god stolen away, I looked about the altar, and saw the mouse running away with it, which on a sudden did so stupeifie me, that I knew not well what to do or say; and calling my wits together, I thought that if I should take no notice of the mischance, and any body else in the church should, I might justly be questioned by the Inquisition; but if I should call to the people to look for the sacrament, then I might be but chid and rebuked for my carelessness, which, of the two, I thought would be more easily borne than the rigor of the Inquisition. Whereupon, not knowing what the people had seen, I turned myself unto them, and called them unto the altar, and told them plainly, that whilst I was in my memento prayers and meditations, a mouse had carryed away the sacrament, and that I knew not what to do, unless they would help me to finde it out again. The people called a priest that was at hand, who presently brought in more of his coat; and as if their god had by this been eaten up, they presently prepared to find out the thief, as if they would eat up the mouse that had so assaulted and abused their god. They lighted candles and torches to find out the malefactor in his secret and hidden places of the wall; and after much searching and enquiry for the sacrilegious beast, they found at last in a hole of the wall the sacrament half eaten up, which with great joy they took out, and, as if the ark had been brought again from the Philistines to the Israelites, so they rejoiced for their new-found god, whom, with many people now resorted to the church, with many lights of candles and torches, with joyful and solemn musick, they carried about the church in procession. Myself was present upon my knees, shaking and quivering for what might be done unto me, and expecting my doom and judgment. As the sacrament passed by me, I observed in it the marks and signs of the teeth of the mouse, as they are to be seen in a piece of cheese gnawn and eaten by it.

“ This struck me with such horror, that I cared not at that present whe-

ther I had been torn in a thousand pieces for denying publickly that mouse-eaten god. I called to my best memory all philosophy concerning substance and accident, and resolved within myself, that what I saw gnawn was not an *accident*, but some real *substance* eaten and devoured by that vermin, which certainly was fed and nourished by what it had eaten; and philosophy well teacheth, *substantia cibi (non accidens) convertitur in substantiam aliti*, the *substance*, not the *accident*, of the food is converted and turned into the substance of the thing fed by it and alimented. Now here I knew that this mouse had fed upon some substance, or else how could the marks of the teeth so plainly appear? But no papist will be willing to answer that it had fed upon the substance of Christ's body; *ergo*, by good consequence it follows, that it fed upon the substance of bread, and so transubstantiation here, in my judgment, was confuted by a mouse; which mean and base creature God chose to convince me of my former errors, and made me now resolve upon what many years before I had doubted, that certainly the point of transubstantiation, taught by the church of Rome, is most damnable and erroneous.

"The event of this accident was not any trouble that fell upon me for it; for, indeed, the Spaniards attributed it unto the carelessness of him who had care of the altars in the church, and not to any contempt in me to the sacrament. The part of the wafer that was left after the mouse had filled her belly, was laid up, after the solemn procession about the church, in a tabernacle for that purpose: and because such a high contempt had been offered by a contemptible vermin to their bread-god, it was commanded through Portobel that day, that all the people should humble themselves and mourn, and fast with bread and water only."—(*Survey of the West Indies*, 1877, p. 447).

There was anciently, and perhaps still may be, a progressive enchantment of the soul out of purgatory by means of the Mass. He that said or sung one mass, redeemed it 12 days—10 masses saved 4 months—20 masses were efficacious for 7 months, and 30 masses for an entire year—if men chose to confess their sins with tears: "Cantatio unius misse potest .xii. dies redimere. .x<sup>me</sup> misse .xx. menses. .xx. misse .vii. menses. .xxx. misse .xii. menses. Si volunt homines confiteri peccata sua cum lacrimis."—*Cott. MS., Tit., D. XXVII, fo. 54 b.*

**Misse Domini, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**—Low Sunday, the octave of Easter, in the Synodal Statutes of Guy of Hanault, bishop of Utrecht, 1310: "Feria tertia post missas Domini, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, &c."—for Wednesday, April 28.

**Misseles Day, Misselmasse.**—Michaelmas:

" Ther uore þo þe kyng com, ȝ wuste suiche trespass,  
Alle þe clerkis out of þe toun uor þat cas,  
No, vort Misselmasse, hii ne come na more þere."

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 542.*

**Missomer Day.**—Midsummer Day:

" That ar Missomer day to þis land com."

*Robert of Glouc., p. 499.*

**Mock Shadow.**—Twilight.

*Modicum.*—See *Dominica de Modicum*.

**MODWENNA, or MODRUENNNA.**—Sept. 9: V. 430—an interpolation. A virgin of the 9th century, whose day in the *Britannia Sancta* is July 5 (p. ii, p. 14). But she may have had two festivals: “*Installatus est secunda festivitatis Sanctæ Modwennæ*” (*Annal. Mon. Burton*, p. 285). Here the festival appears to have been prolonged.

**Moesne temps.**—Mean time, in our Fr. records.—*Acts of Priv. Counc.*, v. I, 14 b:

**Moise.**—A Month, in our Fr. records (2 *Ric.* III, 14); also a law-term in old English records, as in the petition of Jane Glyn for justice on the murderers of her husband, in 12 or 13 Edw. IV, she states that an exigeant of outlawry was issued against them, “*retornable at the Moise of Seynt Michell last passed*” (*Rot. Parl.*, t. VI, p. 37). See *Mensis Michaelis*; *Moys of Pasche*.

**Mois Romans.**—Roman Months, consisting of the quarantine, or 40 days each. An imposition on the States of the Empire, on extraordinary occasions, received this name among French writers.

**Monanday, Monenday.**—The Moon’s Day, whence our Monday. From *man*, *maen*, *mon*, *mond*, came also *Maenig*, Monday (*Notker, Comm. in Ps.* XLVII, 1):

“ The morwe as þe Monenday an Seinte Marie eue.”

*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 495.

“ The Monenday þat felle to be next after þe tuelift day

The kyng of France and he, at þe riuier of S. Rimay,

Held a parliament.”

*Robert of Brunne*, p. 149.

**Monethes Mynde.**—See *Mind Day*. In the accompts of the churchwardens of St. Helens, in 1555, the following disbursements occur:—

“ At the burial & monethes mynde of George Chaynche	xxij <sup>d</sup>
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At the burial & monethes mynde of Mr. Rede	xliij <sup>s</sup>
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At the burial & monethes mynde of the good wyff Braunche	xiij <sup>s</sup> iiiij <sup>d</sup>
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*Archæol.*, v. I, p. 12.

**MONTANUS.**—May 26: G. 390.

**Month.**—From the Saxon *Monath*, which is derived from *mona*, the moon—the months being formerly lunar. Thus, *mensis* is said to be derived a *mensione*, luna cursus, the course of the moon—the time the sun goes through one sign of the zodiac, and the moon goes through all the 12 signs; properly, the time from the new moon to its change, or the course or period of the moon, whence ‘tis called month, from the moon (*Litt. Dict.*) A month is a space of time containing, by the weeks, 28 days—by the kalendar, sometimes 30, and sometimes 31 days. And Julius Cæsar divided the year into 12 months, of 4 weeks each, and the week into 7 days. The month, by the common law, is but 28 days—as in a condition of rent, inrolments of deeds, and generally in all cases where a statute speaks of months. But when the statute accounteth by the year, its half or quarter, then it is to be reckoned according to the kalendar (1 *Inst.* 135; 6 *Rep.* 62; *Cro. Jac.* 167). A twelvemonth, in the sing. number, includes the whole year, according to the kalendar; but 12 months, 6 months, &c., in the plu. num., shall be accounted after 28 days to every month, except in cases of presentations to

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benefices, to avoid lapse, &c., which shall be in 6 kalendar months (6 Rep. 61; Cro. Jac. 141). See more of this in *Jacob, sub voce*.

**Month's Day.**—A commemoration day in monasteries.

**Months, Kalendar.**—Entire months, counted from the kalends to the end.

After the year 1000, writers distinguished entire months into two parts, of which the first began with the kalends, and the second from the sixteenth day; and they called their months kalendar, when they meant entire months, without any division. In the truce between England and Scotland, in 1459, the term occurs: "Per sex Menses integros kalendares—per eosdem sex menses kalendares efficaciter observari" (*Rym. Fæder.*, t. XI, p. 427). See *Calendar Month*, and *Mensis Exiens*, &c.

**Moon Night.**—A date in the *Chron. Sax.* (an. 1131)—On an monenht, which Bishop Gibson renders "Luna splendente," and Dr. Ingram, "on a Monday night." The passage in which it occurs, is a note of the appearance of the Aurora Borealis, on Jan. 11, 1131, and in the words of the latter is as follows: "A.D. MCXXXI. This year after Christmas, on a Moon-night, at the first sleep, was the heaven on the northern atmosphere all as if it were burning fire; so that all who saw it were so dismayed as they never were before. That was on the 3rd day before the ides of January" (*Transl. Sax. Chron.*, p. 361). Probably *Mone-niht* may be Monday night, as *Sunn-eue* is the eve of Sunday (*suprā*, p. 77, *Dies Muti*); but here a little reflection would have shewn Dr. Ingram, that Bishop Gibson's translation was more accurate than his own. The 11th of January, 1131, was Sunday, not Monday, and the moon was then ten days old, and, if not overclouded, would render the other phenomenon more remarkable. The English translation should have been, *on a moonlight night*, &c.

**MORICE.**—See MAURICIUS:

"The euen of seynt Morice was taken Sir Dauid  
Also folc nyce he brak þe kynges grith."

*Robert of Brunne, p. 245.*

**Morrionnights.**—The Night of the Morion Dance, at wakes and other festivities: "But when things were neare accomplishing he on a sudden sleights her, and sets his affection upon a younge wild, airy girle betweene 15 & 16 yeares of age, an huge lover and frequenter of wakes, greenes and morrionnights, where musich and dancing abounded."—*Life of Adam Martindale, Birch's MSS., Brit. Mus., Cod. 4239, fo. 8.*

**Mortua Sesona.**—A term in hunting, which denotes the months of May, June, July and August, in the accompt of the Comptroller of the Wardrobe of Edward I, A.D. 1299 & 1300.—*Gent. Mag.*, Sept. 1790.

**Morw.**—Morrow, or morning, in a satire by Lydgate:

" Al suche knaves shal haue Cristes curs,  
Erly on morw at theyr uprysing,  
To fynd a boy, I trow ther be no wors,  
Out of a cuppe to pluk outhe the lyning."

*Harl. MS., 2251, fo. 14.*

**Morwe, Morwening, Morwne.**—Morrow, or morning. "Morwe and dawe, in old English, meant morning and day, from the old German *morg & tag*, the

final *g* being of an obscure sound, between our *y* & *w*. The morning is in Gothic *maurgin*—Alamamic, *morgan*—Danish and Dutch, *mergen*—modern German, *morgen*, and Anglo-Saxon, *mergen*, *morgæn*. Wachter says that, in the ancient computation of time, the evening being reckoned first, the morning came, from that circumstance, to signify the future day. Whether this was the reason or not, the fact is certain, that most of the northern nations did so use the word morning, and hence we have the expressions *amorwe*, *amorrow*, *on morrow*, *by the morrow*, *to-morrow*” (*Encycl. Metropol. art. Gram.*, c. 1. p. 95). In the articles of the Thanes' Gild in Cambridge, it is agreed that, if any of them neglect to attend the *morgen space*, literally, morning speech, on the decease of a fellow who has died at home, he shall be mulcted in a sextarius of honey. This *morgen space* was the council of the gild, held on the day after his death. The articles have been printed in Hicke's *Thesaur. Diss. Epist.*, p. 20. In the preface he explains it thus: “ *Socius qui postridie diel, quo in sepulchro conditur, sodalitil concilio non interfuerit: morgen significat cras, πρωτι, mane crastinæ diel vel ineuntem posterum diem.*”

“ A morwe whan the day gan spring.”

“ Till it fell once on a morwe of May.”

*Chaucer.*

He has also—

“ Bright was the sunne & clere that morweninge.”

*Knight's Tale.*

“ Ac on a May morwenyng

On Malvern hilles,

Me by fel for to slepe

For weyrynesse of wandryng.”

*Piers Plowman.*

“ Wretyn at Coventre the morwne aft' Seint Nich.” (*Paston Letters*, 1450, v. I, p. 180). The “ morrow tyde” is explained, in a middle English Glossary of the 14th century, “ diluculum.”—*Reliquiae Antiquæ*, N. I, p. 7.

Mothering Sunday.—Midlent Sunday received this name, from the custom of visiting the mother or cathedral church at this time to make the offerings called Quadragesimalia, Denarii Quadragesimales, &c. These were also, as well as the day itself, called from the hymn, *Lætare Jerusalem*. At first voluntary, they became obligatory upon the vicar, as appears from an ordination of 1290: “ Qui quidem vicarius solvet Synodalia, Lætare Jerusalem, &c. *Braget Sunday* is another name.

Mother Night.—The night of the winter solstice among the northern nations (see *Ol. Worm.*, *Fast. Dunic.*) The Scandinavians celebrated Jule, or Yule, on the night so called at the winter solstice, as that which produced all other nights. The northern nations counted the year from one solstice to another, and the months from one new moon to the next. The mother-night feast they called Iuul, in honor of Thor, a personification of the sun.

Mounday.—Monday. “ Als y yod on ay Mounday bytwene Wiltenden & Wulle.”—*Cott. M.S., Jul. A. V*, fo. 175.

Moveable Feasts.—All the festivals which depend upon, or are computed from, the Paschal full moon, are comprehended in this term. The following is a Table of the 35 Easter Days, with the order of the principal feasts governed by each:—

**TABLE OF MOVEABLE FEASTS,**  
*Which are ascertained by Easter Day.*

EASTER, OR PASCHAL DAY.	Septuagesima Sunday.	Sextagesima Sunday.	Quinagesima Sunday.	Shrove Tuesday.	Ash Wednesday, 1st day in Lent.	Midlent Sunday.	Candle Sunday.	Palm Sunday.
Mar. 22..	Jan. 18	Jan. 25	Feb. 1	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15
Mar. 23..	" 19	" 26	" 2	" 4	" 5	" 2	" 9	" 16
Mar. 24..	" 20	" 27	" 3	" 5	" 6	" 3	" 10	" 17
Mar. 25..	" 21	" 28	" 4	" 6	" 7	" 4	" 11	" 18
Mar. 26..	" 22	" 29	" 5	" 7	" 8	" 5	" 12	" 19
Mar. 27..	" 23	" 30	" 6	" 8	" 9	" 6	" 13	" 20
Mar. 28..	" 24	" 31	" 7	" 9	" 10	" 7	" 14	" 21
Mar. 29..	" 25	Feb. 1	" 8	" 10	" 11	" 8	" 15	" 22
Mar. 30..	" 26	" 2	" 9	" 11	" 12	" 9	" 16	" 23
Mar. 31..	" 27	" 3	" 10	" 12	" 13	" 10	" 17	" 24
Apr. 1..	" 28	" 4	" 11	" 13	" 14	" 11	" 18	" 25
Apr. 2..	" 29	" 5	" 12	" 14	" 15	" 12	" 19	" 26
Apr. 3..	" 30	" 6	" 13	" 15	" 16	" 13	" 20	" 27
Apr. 4..	" 31	" 7	" 14	" 16	" 17	" 14	" 21	" 28
Apr. 5..	Feb. 1	" 8	" 15	" 17	" 18	" 15	" 22	" 29
Apr. 6..	" 2	" 9	" 16	" 18	" 19	" 16	" 23	" 30
Apr. 7..	" 3	" 10	" 17	" 19	" 20	" 17	" 24	" 31
Apr. 8..	" 4	" 11	" 18	" 20	" 21	" 18	" 25	Apr. 1
Apr. 9..	" 5	" 12	" 19	" 21	" 22	" 19	" 26	" 2
Apr. 10..	" 6	" 13	" 20	" 22	" 23	" 20	" 27	" 3
Apr. 11..	" 7	" 14	" 21	" 23	" 24	" 21	" 28	" 4
Apr. 12..	" 8	" 15	" 22	" 24	" 25	" 22	" 29	" 5
Apr. 13..	" 9	" 16	" 23	" 25	" 26	" 23	" 30	" 6
Apr. 14..	" 10	" 17	" 24	" 26	" 27	" 24	" 31	" 7
Apr. 15..	" 11	" 18	" 25	" 27	" 28	" 25	Apr. 1	" 8
Apr. 16..	" 12	" 19	" 26	" 28	Mar. 1	" 26	" 2	" 9
Apr. 17..	" 13	" 20	" 27	Mar. 1	" 2	" 27	" 3	" 10
Apr. 18..	" 14	" 21	" 28	" 2	" 3	" 28	" 4	" 11
Apr. 19..	" 15	" 22	Mar. 1	" 3	" 4	" 29	" 5	" 12
Apr. 20..	" 16	" 23	" 2	" 4	" 5	" 30	" 6	" 13
Apr. 21..	" 17	" 24	" 3	" 5	" 6	" 31	" 7	" 14
Apr. 22..	" 18	" 25	" 4	" 6	" 7	Apr. 1	" 8	" 15
Apr. 23..	" 19	" 26	" 5	" 7	" 8	" 2	" 9	" 16
Apr. 24..	" 20	" 27	" 6	" 8	" 9	" 3	" 10	" 17
Apr. 25..	" 21	" 28	" 7	" 9	" 10	" 4	" 11	" 18

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EASTER, or PASCHAL DAY.	Good Friday.	Low Sunday.	Rogation Sunday.	Ascension Day.	Pentecost, or Whitsunday.	Trinity Sunday.	Corpus Christi.	Advent Sunday.
Mar. 22..	Mar. 20	Mar. 29	Apr. 26	Apr. 30	May 10	May 17	May 21	Nov. 29
Mar. 23..	" 21	" 30	" 27	May 1	" 11	" 18	" 22	" 30
Mar. 24..	" 22	" 31	" 28	" 2	" 12	" 19	" 23	Dec. 1
Mar. 25..	" 23	Apr. 1	" 29	" 3	" 13	" 20	" 24	" 2
Mar. 26..	" 24	" 2	" 30	" 4	" 14	" 21	" 25	" 8
Mar. 27..	" 25	" 8	May 1	" 5	" 15	" 22	" 26	Nov. 27
Mar. 28..	" 26	" 4	" 2	" 6	" 16	" 23	" 27	" 28
Mar. 29..	" 27	" 5	" 8	" 7	" 17	" 24	" 28	" 29
Mar. 30..	" 28	" 6	" 4	" 8	" 18	" 25	" 29	" 30
Mar. 31..	" 29	" 7	" 5	" 9	" 19	" 26	" 30	Dec. 1
Apr. 1..	" 30	" 8	" 6	" 10	" 20	" 27	" 31	" 2
Apr. 2..	" 31	" 9	" 7	" 11	" 21	" 28	June 1	" 3
Apr. 3..	Apr. 1	" 10	" 8	" 12	" 22	" 29	" 30	Nov. 27
Apr. 4..	" 2	" 11	" 9	" 13	" 23	" 30	" 3	" 28
Apr. 5..	" 3	" 12	" 10	" 14	" 24	" 31	" 4	" 29
Apr. 6..	" 4	" 13	" 11	" 15	" 25	June 1	" 5	" 30
Apr. 7..	" 5	" 14	" 12	" 16	" 26	" 2	" 6	Dec. 1
Apr. 8..	" 6	" 15	" 13	" 17	" 27	" 3	" 7	" 2
Apr. 9..	" 7	" 16	" 14	" 18	" 28	" 4	" 8	" 3
Apr. 10..	" 8	" 17	" 15	" 19	" 29	" 5	" 9	Nov. 27
Apr. 11..	" 9	" 18	" 16	" 20	" 30	" 6	" 10	" 28
Apr. 12..	" 10	" 19	" 17	" 21	" 31	" 7	" 11	" 29
Apr. 13..	" 11	" 20	" 18	" 22	June 1	" 8	" 12	" 30
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**Moys of Pasche.**—Literally, Month of Easter, from the Norm. Fr. *moyse*, a month, and Lat. *Pascha*, Easter. In a writ issued in 7 Hen. VI, Robert de Belyngham and others are directed to appear before the king, “atte the Moys of Pasche that shall be in the yere of our lord 1446,” for assaulting Sir Thomas Parre, a member of Parliament, with intent to murder him. The expression “atte the Moys of Pasche,” is rendered, “ad dictam mensem Pasche,” in the writs directed to the sheriffs of London (*Rotuli Parliamenti*, t. V, p. 169). It appears to mean the law-term of Easter. See *Mensis Michaelis, Moise, &c.*

**Muck Shadow.**—Twilight. Qu. Mock Shade?

**Mulier, Spiritum Infirmitatis.**—See *Dominica de Muliere Spiritum Infirmitatis habente.*

**Mumping Day.**—St. Thomas's Day, when the poor went round the parish begging corn (*Fosbrooke, British Monach.*, p. 74). A *mump*, in old Engl., was a beggar, and also a cheat; and to *mump* was to defraud, entrap, beg, &c. In the German of Lower Saxony, *mompeln* signifies to cheat.

**Mutatio Concurrentium.**—See *Concurrents* (p. 50). The following rule for changing the concurrents, epacts & cycles, is given in the *Computus of Tit.* (D. XXVII, fo. 24 b.) “*Mutatio Concurr. et Epact. et Cicl.*—Muta concurrentes in kl. Martii.—Muta Epactas in kl. Septembris. Muta ciculum lune in kl. Januarii. Muta probationem in termino xl. Muta inductionem in viii. kl. Aprili.”

**My-Caresme.**—For *Mi-carême*, Midlent, in our Fr. records: thus, in the prorogation of the truce with France, in 1352, “Dedeinz la My-Caresme proschein venant,” is within Midlent next to come.—*Rymer, Fœder.*, t. III, p. 282.

**Mychelmes day.**—Michaelmas Day, in Paston Letters, v. IV, p. 402.

**Mydemorwe.**—In old English, the middle of the morning of the next day, as in a satirical ballad by Lydgate, of the 15th century :

“ Wassaille to Maymond & to his jousy pate,  
Unthrast & he be togyder met,  
Late at eue he wil unsperc the gate,  
And grope on morwe yif rigges bak be wete,  
And yif the bak of Togace [i. e. the cat] the gute heete,  
His hevy nolle at mydmorwe uplifting,  
With unwashe hands, nat lacid his doublet,  
Out of a bolle to pluk out the lyneing.”

*Harl. MS., 2251, fo. 14.*

**Mydewynter.**—For Midwinter Day, our Christmas Day in old English :

“ To Mýdewýnter he wende anone.”

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 367.*

The coronation of William II is dated thus—

“ þýs noble due Wyllam hým let crounýg kýng  
At Lononde amydewynter day noblyche þoru alle þýng.”

*Ibid., p. 367.*

**Myelmas day, Myelmasse day.**—**Michaelmas Day.** Robert of Gloucester says of the Danes, in 1011 :

“ Thys folk com to Kanterbury, robberye to do  
By tuene leuede day þe latere, & Myelmasse day,  
Thys folc bysette Kanterbury.” *Chron., p. 298.*

**Myghelmasse, Myhelmasse, Mykylmes.**—The same (*Paston Letters*, v. IV, p. 80, 362). *Myghelmasse*, in the trial of Sir John Cobham, in 1413 (*State Trials*, v. I, p. 41) :

“ Bytuene Myhelmasse & seyn Luc, a seyn Calyxus day.”  
*Robert of Gloucester, p. 303.*

So, also, the coronation of the Red King, William II—

“ Wyllam þe rede kÿng anon so he adde tydýnge  
Of hÿs fader deþe, he let hým crouny to kÿnge.  
Byuore Mÿhelmasse he was ýcrouned þre dawes ȝ nan mo,  
Of þe erchþyssop of Canterbury, Lanfranc þat was þo.”

*Rob. Glouc., p. 383.*

**Mynde.**—See *Mind Days*; *Monethes Mynde*; *Yeres Mynde*; *Anniveralis; Obits*, &c.

**Mysericordia Domini.**—For *Misericordia Domini*, the introit and name of the second Sunday after Easter. In a German charter of the 15th century—

“ Gheuen na Goddes bort Dusent iar, darna in dem Achtenigsten iare des mytwekens na mysericordia Domini” (*Baring., Clav. Diplom.*, XIV, p. 396), i. e. Wednesday, April 19, 1480.

**Nadgares, Naidgaeres, Naidgaits, Naidgaris, Naidgayers.**—Lately, sometime, formerly, in our Fr. records, as in the declaration of the 1 Edw. IV, st. 1, that Hen. VI was late king in fact, but not in right—“ Nadgares en fait et nient en droit.” It appears to be the same as the Norm. Fr. *naguère, nauères*, not long since, &c.

**NARCISSUS.**—Oct. 29 : E. 458. A bishop of Jerusalem, who, with Crescensius, was a martyr at Rome in the second century (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult., n. 248). There was another N., a mart., 307, Aug. 5.

**Natale, Natalis, or Natalis Dies.**—The Martyr’s Day, and sometimes the day of the death of a saint who is not a martyr. The last day of such a saint is usually called *Depositio*.

**Natale, or Nativitas Domini.**—The birth-day of our Saviour (“ Festorum omnium metropolis”—*Chrysost.*) “ Nimis fuit ventus in nocte Natalis Domini.”—*Annal. de Margan. ad an. 1080.*

**Natale S. MARÍA.** The most ancient of all the festivals in honor of the Virgin. It was formerly celebrated on Jan. 1, and was instituted in 695.

**Natale Omnium Sanctorum.**—All Saints, Nov. 1.—*Cott. MS., Vitellius, C. V, fo. 209 b.*

**Natale S. PETRI de Cathedra.**—See *Cathedra S. PETRI*.

**Natales.**—The four principal feasts in the year—Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints.

**Natalicium Dominicum.**—The Nativity of Christ: “Anno a Dominico Natalicio, 1476” (*Mados, Formul. Anglican.*, p. 336). See *Natalitium*.

**Natalis.**—The anniversary of the day on which a distinguished person ascends in rank, as a king to the throne, a bishop to the cathedral, or a pope to the holy see. Much more frequently, however, it is used in the sense of *Natale*.

**Natalis Apostolorum Cananæi.**—Oct. 28, the day of Simon & Jude.—*Kal. Arr.*, 826.

**Natalis Basilici, or Templi.**—The feast of a dedication.

**Natalis Calicis.**—The festival of the Cup or chalice, i. e. the day of the Lord's Supper, *Cena Domini*, Holy Thursday, &c. “A die sanctæ Epiphanie usque ad natalem calicis, qui est domini cœnæ” (*Vit. S. Genoveſæ*, p. 33). Pierre de Blois gives the following rule:—

“Hoc in Natali Calicis non est celebratum  
Quando Pascha novum vetus est post Pascha dicatum.”

*Petr. Blesens. de S. Eucharist. ; Du Cange,*  
t. IV, col. 1145.

**Natalis Cathedræ S. PETRI.**—See *Natale Cath. S. P.*

**Natalis Deiparae Virginis.**—The Assumption.

**Natalis Ecclesiæ.**—The festival of the consecration of a church.

**Natalis S. JOHANNIS Baptiste.**—Aug. 29, in ancient martyrologies and chronicles, to distinguish it from *Nativitas*, the day of his birth (*Verif. des Dates*). But in the *Kal. Arr.*, 826, it is June 24, and consequently used synonymously.

**Natalis B. MARIE ad Martyres, or, Dedicatio Ecclesiæ S. MARIE ad Martyres.**—May 13 in *Martyrol. Roman.* Polydore Vergil has—*iii id. Maii (De Invent., l. VI, c. 8, p. 379)*. See *All Hallowenmas; Festum B. M. et Omnium Martyrum*.

**Natalis Christi**—The Nativity, Dec. 25.

**Natalis SS. Quadraginta Militum.**—March 9, the Martyrdom of the Forty Soldiers.—*Cott. MS., Jul., E. VII, fo 57.*

**Natalis Secunda.**—The Epiphany.—*Holtermann de Epiph. sect. 18; Wittemb.*, 1684.

**Natalis Reliquiarum.**—The day of the translation of a saint's relics; thus, in St. Jerome's Martyrology—“*iv non. Aug. in Antiochia Natalis Reliquiarum Stephani Protomartyris et Diaconi.*”

**Natalis S. SWYTHUNI.**—July 2: “*vi non. Jul. (Cott. MS., Jul., E. VII, fo. 9b.)*” The deposition of S. Swithun is July 2, and his translation July 15.

**Natalitia Fratrum.**—July 27: G. 408. See *Septem Dormientes, Seven Sleepers.*

**Natalitium.**—In a classical sense, *Natalitium* was a present to a newly-delivered woman, or her recent offspring; thus Terence (*in Phormione*):

“Ferietur allo munere, ubi hera pepererit,  
Porro allo autem, ubi erit puero natalis dies, &c.”

After the decay of Roman literature, *natalitium* began to signify, not only the celebration of a birth, but the glorious death of a martyr, as noticed by Cujacius (*d. c. 9, ex. de Feris*); and the *Natalitia Martyrum* were like

Sundays, protected by law from desecration by rustic and servile labour (see *Feast*). By *Natales*, or *Natalitia Martyrum*, says Sagittarius from Origen (*t. II, hom. 8*), are not to be understood the days of birth, which the most ancient Christians abhorred to celebrate, but those on which martyrs were crowned : γενεθλία τασσοται επι των ζωντων, &c., *genethlia* are appointed to the living, and the day on which a man is born is his *Natalitium*, γενεθλίος ημέρα; but γενεσια are said of the dead, and the day of their decease, according to the authors of the Epistle concerning Polycarp, in *Euseb.*, *t. IV, c. 16* (*Sagitt., Dysisert. de Natalitiis Martyrum, c. 1, s. 4*; *edit. 1578*). This writer thinks they began in the 2nd century (*c. 2, s. 2*), because they are first mentioned in the epistle from the church of Smyrna to that of Philomelum, on the death of Polycarp (*c. 3, s. 1*). Elsewhere, he says that they owe their origin to Gregory Thaumaturgus, who allowed them to the Christian converts from Paganism (*c. 6, ss. 4, 5*), and that they set about celebrating them, in their heathen manner, with eating and drinking (*s. 7*). But Gregory died about the end of the 3rd century, and, as they are mentioned in the epistle on Polycarp's martyrdom, in 167, we may conclude with Hospinian, that the first celebration was about 170. Tertullian mentions annual offerings or sacrifices made for these *Natalitia* : “*Annuas oblationes fieri solere pro natalitiis.*” Cyril traces the practice to the Greeks, who celebrated by anniversary hymns the memory of those who fell at Marathon (*Hospin. de Fest. Chr., fo. 9 b*). Christian martyrs were first celebrated at the places where they were buried ; but in time, the celebration was distinguished by great licentiousness ; and the council of Carthage, in 397, prohibiting the excesses of the Christian converts from Paganism, enacted that no bishop or priest should banquet in the church (*Sagitt., Dysisert., c. 8, s. 1*; *c. 6, s. 13*). The following is Mr. Milner's translation of the Epistle from Smyrna on Polycarp. The martyrdom of Polycarp took place Feb. 22, 167, and is celebrated in the Greek church Feb. 23, according to the intention expressed by his disciples : “The lord will grant us in gladness and joy to celebrate the *birth-day* of his martyrdom, both in commemoration of those who have wrestled before us, and for the instruction and confirmation of those who come after” The use of the word “*birth-day*,” evinces that the early Christians regarded death as the gate of life, and felt that, in commemorating a day of martyrdom, they were celebrating a nativity to glory ; see Polydore Vergil, “*Cæterum illud apposite admonendum, &c.*” (*De Invent., l. VI, c. 8, p. 380*). About 366, the “*birth-days*” of martyrs were prohibited to be celebrated during Lent, by *Concil. Laodic.*, *can. 51*.

*Nati Adventus*.—See *Advent*.

*Nativitas*.—The Nativity, or day on which a saint or martyr was born. The last day of both, however, is commonly celebrated in preference.

*Nativitas CHRISTI*.—Christmas Day : *to nativitate* (*Chron. Sax., an. 1102*).

“*Gode crysten men as ge sen & heren þ<sup>o</sup> day al holy church maketh melody & myrth in mynde of the blessed burth of our lord ihu veri god & mon þ<sup>o</sup> was þ<sup>o</sup> day born of hys modur seynt Mary in grete help & sokur of all mon kynde*” (*Homil. in Nativitate Christi*).—*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 13*.

*Nativitas S. JOHANNIS Baptiste*.—June 24: V. 427; T. 440.

*Nativitas S. MARIE*.—Sept. 8: V. 430; T. 443; E. 457. Some think that the festival of the Virgin's Nativity began in the time of Augustin, because

in the church service his fifth sermon is read ; but the fact is, that this sermon is the second on the Annunciation, but altered in the Breviary to suit this day. Besides, in *Serm. 21 & 22 de Sanctis*, he mentions none but those of Christ and St. John the Baptist. About 695, Sergius instituted the feast, because a man heard the angels singing in heaven on this night ; and on his asking the reason, they told him that they were rejoicing because the Virgin was born on this night. Hence he appointed it for Sept. 8 (*Durand. de Div. Off.*, l. VII, c. 28). The festival is an imitation of the pagan "Natalis Telluris" (*Arnob. contra Gentes*, l. VII). According to Vossius, it was celebrated in France by Fulbert, in 1007 ; but it had no octave till Innocent IV gave it one, in 1244. Gregory XI added the vigil.

—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 194-5.

Nativitas Secunda.—The Epiphany.

NAZARUS.—Oct. 30 : G. 416. Translation, Aug. 14.

NECTANUS.—June 17 : E. 454.

NED, NEED, NEOT.—July 31 : E. 455. Lived about 277. "The late monastery of St. Neot's comly callid seynt Nedys in þe county of Huntynton now dissolved" (*Indenture between Henry VIII & Sir Rd. Cromwell*).—*Monast. Anglic.*, t. III, p. 465.

NEOT, Confessor.—July 31 : E. 455. Lived about 877.

NEREUS, ACHILLEUS & PANCRATIUS.—May 12 : V. 426 ; T. 439 ; E. 453. Nereus and Achilleus were first mentioned in the 7th century.—*Greg. Magn., Homil.* 28.

NESTORIUS.—Feb. 26 : G. 400 —n. §

Neu, Neus.—Night, in old Fr. records. *Neu* is a work-day, in a charter of 1422, quoted by Du Cange.

New gers day.—New Year's Day. Zer, or Zere, is very often improperly printed of ger. This Saxon z, in such words, has the sound of our y, and the word year is not only a derivation from gen, but it has also the same sound, as nearly as we can judge ; and so in the old German iar, a year. In a damaged MS. collection of theological pieces, a homily begins thus—"Syrrys, this day is callyd New gers day as endyne of the gere that is gon, in the begynnyng of the zere that is comyng" (*Harl MS.*, 2391, fo. 73 b.) A charter of the year 1351 is dated—"In deme nighen iares daghe" (*Baring., Clav. Diplom.*, XXXVII, p. 513) ; and historically, as in common parlance—"This year [1511] on New Year's Day, the Queen was delivered of a son, heir apparent to this crown" (*Godwyn's Annals of England*, 3 Hen. VIII.) In resolving such dates, regard must be paid to the time of commencing the year. See *Years of Christ*.

NICETUS.—April 2 : G. 403. Nicetus, bp. of Lyons in 577.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 26.

NICHOLAS.—Dec. 6 : V. 433 ; E. 469 (see vol. I, p. 66). "Suche a day ge schul haue seynt Nicholas day. He ys mych prayded in holy chyrch for þreþynges specyalys—for h<sup>o</sup> mek lyuyng, for h<sup>o</sup> heuenly chesyng, for h<sup>o</sup> gret compasyon hauyng."—*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II*, fo. 6 b.

NICHOMEDES.—June 1 : V. 440.

NICOMEDES.—Sept. 15 : G. 413 ; V, 443. A priest and disciple of St. Peter, martyred at Rome by drowning in the Tyber.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 82.

**NIGASIUS & Companions.**—Oct. 11: E. 458. “*Nigasius cum Quirino presbytero ac Scuniculo diacono v id. Octobris decollatus est*” (*Orderic. Vital.*, l. V, p. 364; *Duchêne ed.*) Martyrs in the 3rd or 4th century.

**Night.**—Derived immediately from the Saxon *niht*—in old English, *nigt*, or rather *nigt*. The Gothic name is *nauts*, whence, probably, the German *Nacht*. The Hebrew *nuch*, a time of rest, has affinity with the Greek *νυχα*, *νυκτωρ*, *νυχος*, *νυξ*, which last resembles the Welsh *nôs*, and the Latin *nox*, whence the Norman French *noix*. From the oblique cases of *nox* (as *noctis*, &c.) come also the Norman Fr. *noit*, *noits*, *nuict*, *nute*, *nuyt*, *nuyte*, and *nutante* before night, or night approaching, all of which occur in our Fr. records. In the *Edda*, Night is fabled to be the daughter of the giant *Noc*. She married Onar, and had a daughter, Earth; then she married Daglingar, by whom she had Day. Sacrifices to Hertha, or Earth, the daughter of Night, were usually performed by night—and hence, it is said, originated the custom of reckoning time by the number of nights. This was the division of time among the ancient Germans, according to Cæsar and Tacitus. The Franks, Anglo-Saxons, and other people of the north, adopted this practice, of which the modern terms *se'nnight* and *fortnight* (seven and fourteen nights) are relics in our language. It prevailed in France up to the 12th century: “*Quot noctes habet infans iste?*” is asked, in the Life of St. Goar. “*Non noctes*,” says Geoffrey de Vendôme, “*secundum consuetudinem Laicorum sed secundum instituta canonum inducias postulamus.*” In a Saxon charter of the year 775, the rent of some land is stated to be thirty pounds, and *ilea gean aær nihter feomine* (*Chron. Sax. ad Ann.*)—every year a night’s entertainment, or thirty shillings in money. This must be taken for the day and the night. Cædmon, in his description of the deluge, distinguishes between the terms for day and night:

Feopenigiz ðaga.  
nihta oðerj rypyle.  
nið rær neðe.  
pæll ȝnum pepum.

For forty days,  
and nights other such,  
the rage was dire,  
the slaughter fierce to men.

*Cædn. 31.*

The Norman invaders employed this kind of computation by nights, and “*tot noctes de firma*,” & “*firma tot noctium*,” are expressions of frequent recurrence in *Domesday Book*, to denote entertainment in meat and drink for so many nights, or, as we say, days. This manner of reckoning is found in the *Laws of Henry I* (*cap. 66, 76*), and vestiges of it have already been mentioned.

“ Right abouthe Missomer, fourten night it laste.”

*Robt. of Glouc.*

This is precisely the Saxon expression: *Ano ȝymbe .xiiii. niht gefeaht Hƿælneð cyning* (*Chron. an. 871*). The Welsh had also the same kind of computation: in the laws of Hywel Dha, *wythnos*, a week, is a compound of *wyth*, eight, and *nos*, night; so, also, *pythefnos* or *pithewnos*, fourteen nights, or a fortnight (*Cyfreithjeu Hywel Dha*, p. 579, 581, 585).

Night, in law, is when it is so dark that the countenance of a man cannot be discovered; and by some opinions, burglary in the night may be

ecmmitted at any time before sun-set and sun-rising. Jacob, the author of this last sentence, omits to mention, that the distinction between the thief by night and the thief by day is taken from the Law of the XII Tables, and is found in the laws of the Visigoths (*L. VII*, tit. 1, c. 15) and the Longobards, by which he who enters by night the house of another, and will not suffer himself to be seized, may be slain (*Capitul. Carol. Magn.*, l. V, c. 191; *Grot. de Jure Belli*, l. II, c. 1, s. 9). See *Eve*; *Semaine*; *Septimana*; *Week*.

**Nihtsang.**—See *Hours*.

**Noctantré.**—Nightly, or by night, in our Fr. records, from the Latin *noctanter*.

“Abusion, que len tient pleas per Dimanches, ou per auters jours defendus, ou devant le soleil levy, ou noctantre, ou en dishonest lieu.”—*Mirroir*, l. V, s. 1.

**Nocturnæ, Nocturns.**—The early Christians rose three times in the night to praise God, and collections of psalms were, from this practice, distributed into three parts, called nocturns. Anastasius attributes this distribution to Damasus, who held the bishopric of Rome from 366 to 384: “Hic constituit ut psalmos diu noctuē canerent per omnes ecclesiās” (*In Vit. Damas.*) “Vigilias in tribus dispertimur Nocturnis” (*Rupert. de Div. Off.*, l. I, c. 10). Hence 1st, 2nd & 3rd nocturns, for the hour at which they were sung. See *Vigilia*.

**Noel.**—Christmas. See *Nowel*.

**Noen.**—Noon: “Bituex vnderon & noen (*Robert of Brunne*, p. 18). See *Undern*.

**Noet, Noit.**—Night, in our Fr. records: “Noetz et jourz”—nights & days.—*Stat. 1 Ric. II*, c. 12.

**Nomen JESUS.**—The name of Jesus, Jan. 14.

**Nomen MARIA.**—Our Lady's Name, in the German church, is the octave of her Nativity, instituted by Innocent II, to commemorate the deliverance of Vienna from the Turks, who had besieged it in 1683.

**Nona.**—Noon. “None tide (says Spelman) is frequently found in old manerial charters (*Gloss.*, p. 428). It is the *nona hora*, or ninth hour, and answers so far to our 3 o'clock. In time, however, it was taken for the hour of mid-day (see vol. I, p. 87). Wilhelm Wycrestre describes the alleged attempt of Sir William Tailboys on the life of Cromwell, in 1449, as occurring—“Ante festum Natalis Domini, quasi hora iij<sup>ta</sup> post nonam cu-jusdam diei” (*Annales*, t. II, p. 466)—on the 4th hour after noon of a certain day before Christmas. This seems to be our 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

**Nonæ.**—Nones, a canonical hour of prayer, about 2 or 3 (see *Hours*). The institution is founded on *Act. Apost.*, c. 3: “Petrus et Johannes ascenderunt in templum ad horam orationis nonam” (*Casal. de Vet. Sacr. Christ. Rit.*, c. 45, p. 200). The hour of none, or noon, may be approximated thus. The Saxon Chronicle says the sun was eclipsed at one o'clock of the day; this is translated—“Inter nonam et vesperam, sed proprius ad nonam” (*Flor. Wigorn.*, an. 879). If the Latin chronicler had meant the ninth hour, it would be between 3 and 6 of our time in the afternoon; but he meant that it was a little after one.

**Noneday.**—The day of the nones of a month: “At Castir the noneday, the viij day of Jullet.”—*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 130.

**Nones.**—The 7th day of March, May, July & October, and the 5th of all the other months, were the nones of those months. By the Roman account, the nones of March, May, July and October, are the 6 days next following the first day, or the kalends—and of other months, the 4 days next after the first, according to these verses :

**"Sex nonas Maius, October, Julius, & Mars;  
Quatuor at reliqui." &c.**

Though the last of these days is properly called Nones, for the others are reckoned backwards as distant from them, and accounted the 3rd, 4th, or 5th *nones*, &c.; and nones had their name from beginning the 9th day before the ides (*Jacob*). Such expressions as 3, 4, or 5 *nonas* of any month, are better rendered, on the 3rd, 4th, or 5th day before the nones. The Saxon annalist employs the term very intelligibly, when he dates—"On þam dæge non. Aug."—on the day of the nones of August. The kings of England, in their public acts, when they did not date by the saint days, which seldom happened, used the common computation by the days of the month; but Henry III, in one instance, used the Roman, according to Dugdale: "Not long after this, *scil.* in 16 Hen. 3, the king summoned all his nobles, as well the Layty as Prelates, to meet him at Westminster on the nones of March"—*Baronage*, v. I, p. 44.

**Non Terminus.**—The vacation between term and term in our law-courts, formerly called the time or days of the king's peace.—*Lambert*, 126.

**Noon Day.**—*Nontag* was an old German name of the Ascension, which was so called, not because it was the ninth day before Pentecost, but because the Saviour was supposed to have ascended to heaven on the ninth hour. In a *Kalend. Alem.*, “Der schön none tage.”—*Schilter, Thes. Antiq. Teuton.*, t. III., p. 198.

*Notre Dame de l'Angevine, or Septembreche.—The nativity of our Lady in Anjou.*

Notre Dame de Chasse Mar.—The Annunciation.

Notre Dame aux Chasse Marts.—The Annunciation.  
Notre Dame aux Marteaux,—The same.—*Daniel, Mil. Franc.*, t. I, p. 133.  
Notre Dame de Pitié.—Wednesday before Palm Sunday, in many churches  
in France.

Nouel.—Christmas, in our Fr. records. Nicot derives the word from *Emmanuel*, but Menage thinks it comes from *Natale*, the nativity. It is now called *Noel*.

Nowell.—An old English and French name of Christmas, from *Nouel*. “Feste de Nowel” occurs in the body of an indenture, dated 1360.—*Rymer, Fæder..t. I. p. 510.*

Nox Sacra. — The eve of Easter. *nox*, night, being used for day.

Nox Sancta.—The eve of Easter, *nox* for day: but in the epitaph on Pacificus, archdeacon of Verona, under the emperor Lothaire, it is Saturday night:

“Mole carnis est solutus,  
Perrexit ad Dominum,  
Nono sane Kalendaram  
Obiit Septembriam  
Nocte sancta, quæ vocatur  
A Dominica.” *Du Cange, t. IV, col. 1236.*

Nuit.—Night. Like *noix*, it was used by the French for the eve of a festival: “C'est assavoir que la veille ou nuit des trois rois ou de l'epiphanie à l'heure de huit heures à matin” (*Du Cange, Suppl.*) ; and there is an instance of “Night” used in the same sense in Robert of Gloucester (p. 531)—

“ þe next ger þerafter, a seinte Steunes nigt,  
As tuelf hundred and fifti, in ger of grace rige.”

Numen.—Poetically, a pagan deity, May 6 : G. 405—Sept. 24 : G. 414, &c. In these cases, however, it appears to be used instead of *nomen*. Roman Catholic writers have adopted and applied it to their male and female divinities. In the following date, the 17th light (see *Lux*) of the month of that deity, whom the dying adore, is Feb. 17 :

“ M. semel x seno, centum quater et simul uno  
Cum lux septena fuerat mensis quoque dena  
Numinis illius, venerantur quod morientes  
Inter solares pugnantes et boreales  
Magna cohors cecidit, duo millia plebs numeravit.”

*Joh. Whithamsted, p. 502.*

February, as mentioned *suprà* (p. 89), takes its name from *Februa*, the infernal Juno, or Proserpine, whose festival was observed in the beginning of this month. This deity was termed *Juno Februata*, the purified Juno, in imitation of which the Virgin is called *Maria Februata*, the purified Mary, whose feast of the purification occurs at the same time as that of Juno. Hence, having borrowed the appellation of Juno, it was no great excess of boldness to attribute the month of the *Numen* of Juno to the *Numen* of Mary.

Nundinæ.—Fairs, for *feriæ*, days.—The fire which consumed great part of Salisbury, in 1288, says Thomas Wikes, took place “in nundinis sancti Botulphi” (*Gale Edit., t. II, p. 117*), or about June 17. Nundinæ were so called, quasi *novendinæ*, because the country people came to Rome to buy and sell their commodities every ninth day, being occupied the other seven in their rustic employments (*Liv., l. III, c. 35*) ; hence, *Nundinæ* expressed market days, a sort of holidays, so that the subsequent metonymy was perfectly easy.

Nuptiæ in Chana.—The Epiphany. See *Eau changée en Vin*, &c.

Nutante.—In our Fr. records, before night.

Nute, Nuyt, Nuyte.—Night, in Fr. records.

Nygt, Nygth, Nyth.—Night, in old English. Thus, in the romance of Sir Launfal—

“ For sche wold wt all her mygt  
þt he hadde be bore day & nygt.”

*Cott. MS., Calig., A. II, fo. 94 b.*

The last occurs as a termination, as *sevenyth* for seven night, or se'night (see *Dyeday*), which is sometimes written “vix nyght.”—*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 100.

**Obdormitio.**—See *Dormitio*. It is mostly used for the Virgin's Assumption.  
See *Festum Obdormitionis B. MARIE*.

**Obit.**—The death of a person, recorded in Kalendars and *Annuario*, or annals of religious houses. “The monks of Pontefract covenanted to celebrate the obit and anniversary of Peter de Falkeberge, and likewise the obit and anniversary of Beatrice his wife, as solemnly as for any monk of their own convent.”—*Dugdale, Baronag.*, v. II, p. 3.

**Oblatio S. MARIE** in Templo Domini, cum esset trium Annorum.—Nov. 21 : V. 432 ; T. 445. The Offering of our Lady in the Temple of our Lord, when she was three Years old. This festival is now called the Presentation; but there is an ancient festival of the Presentation V. M., which is now called the Purification (see *Festum Presentationis*; *Hypapante*). There is a sermon of George, archbishop of Nicomedia, with the Latin title—“Ora-tio de Oblatione B. Virginis triennis in templo, in sancta sanctorum.”—*Bodl. MSS.*, *Cromwel.*, 283, 104, 3.

**OCCILLE.**—See *EULALIA*.

**Occurus.**—See *Festum Occurus*.

**Octaba.**—An octave, or eighth day of a festival, very generally so written instead of *octava*. Both are indifferently used in the citation of Richard, king of the Romans, in 1263.—*Rymer, Feder.*, t. I, p. 431.

**Octava, Octave.**—The ancient Christians celebrated their festivals for eight days, but made the last their chief solemnity, from *Levit.*, xxiii, 30. On this account, observes Baronius, it ought to be the holiest of the festivals (*Not. ad Martyrol.*, iv non. Jan.). The antiquity of octaves is attested by St. Leo, who sat from 440 to 461, in his “Serm. VII, de Jejunio Septimi Mensis.” They consist of four kinds:—1, of supplication or renewal; 2, of veneration; 3, of devotion; and, 4, of figure or form. The first is the octave of the Nativity, in which, whatever was omitted in the Nativity is supplied; the second consists of the octaves of Easter, Pentecost, and the Nativities of Christ and St. John the Baptist; the third may be made out of devotion to any saint; and the fourth is an octave in token of the resurrection of saints (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. II, c. 27). Hildebrand entirely omits the last—nor are these distinctions of the least importance to any but Papists. All festivals are not octaves, but those which are honored with them, are observed by a repetition of part of the same ceremonies on each of the days called the octaves (*Spelm.*, *Gloss.*, p. 433). It would appear that even some of the principal feasts were without octaves, for, among the customs of the abbey of Evesham, in the Chartulary of that house, the monks “debent eciam habere caritatem de cellario ad prandium singulis diebus octabarum principalium festivitatibus quae octabas habent, exceptis diebus quibus sunt in capia” (*Harl. MS.*, 3769, fo. 152). The octave is the eighth day after a festival inclusively; thus the Epiphany, Jan. 6, has its octave on the 13th, on which day was celebrated the festival of St. Hillary, whose octave (in English law only, for that festival had no octave) was Jan. 20. Apparently because the octave of the Epiphany fell on the 13th, the day of St. Hillary was removed to the 14th, and hence the octave now is Jan. 21, and not Jan. 22, as stated by Mr. Nicholas. “In octabam S. Johannis,” is as much as to say, On St. John's day week, or “A week after

- St. John's day. "Infra Octabas," or "octavas," within the octaves, is any day between the festival and the octave.
- Octava Infantum.—A name given by St. Augustine to Sunday, in the octaves of Easter.
- Octave of St. AGNES.—Jan. 28 : V. 422; T. 435. This is mostly called *Festum S. Agnetis secundo*, as being the second celebration of the festival.—*Suprad., p. 150.*
- Octave of St. ANDREW.—Dec. 7 : V. 433.
- Octave of the Apostles.—July 6 : E. 455.
- Octave of the Assumption.—Aug. 22.
- Octave of St. BIRIN.—Dec. 10 : V. 433.
- Octave of St. CUTHBERT.—Sept. 11.
- Octave of St. DIONYSIUS & Companions.—Oct. 16.
- Octave of the Epiphany.—Jan. 13.
- Octave of the Innocents.—Jan. 4.
- Octave of St. JOHN.—Jan. 3.
- Octave of St. JOHN the Baptist.—July 1.
- Octave of St. LAURENCE.—Aug. 17.
- Octave of St. MARY.—Sept. 15.
- Octave of St. MARTIN.—Nov. 18.
- Octave of the Name of JESUS.—Aug. 14 : D. 456.
- Octave of the Nativity.—Jan 1.—This is said to have been appointed by Felix II, in 487 ; it is mentioned by Isidore in 630—and it appears in some very ancient kalendars ; in the Benedictional of St. Æthelwold, and Benedict's *Liber Pollicitus*. See *Festum Dominicæ Circumcisionis*.
- Octave of St. OSWALD.—Aug. 12.
- Octave of St. PETER & St. PAUL the Apostles.—July 6.
- Octave of St. STEPHEN.—Jan. 2.
- Octave of St. SWITHUN.—July 22.
- Octave of St. THOMAS, Archbp.—Jan. 5.
- Octember.—October, G. 415.—*Flodoard., l. III, c. 3; Menol. Sax., Jul., A. X, fo. 160.*
- Octimber.—October.—*Wandalbert., Horol., v. 6.*
- Octo Dies Neophytorum.—See *Albae*.
- Octubrium.—October. "Mediane Octubrio.—*Lib. Pollicit., n. 75.*
- Oculi mei.—Introit from Ps. 24, and name of the third Sunday in Lent.  
"In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno ejusdem millesimo trecentesimo decimo tertio die Luna post oculi mei, 11 mensis Martii, Indictione 12," &c. (*D'Achery, Spicil., t. I, p. 201; Ed. Fol.*) The year 1313, which is expressly named, does not correspond with the smaller dates, which, as well as the Indiction, belong to 1314. In a German charter of 1498—"Ame Dinsdage na Oculi in der hilghen Vasten."—*Baring., Clav. Dipl., c. XII, p. 591.*
- Octavies.—Octaves, in our Fr. records. "Oeptaves de saint Michel."—*Acts Priv. Counc., I, 12 a.*
- Octaves.—Octaves, in our Fr. records: "Octaves de la Tiphanie" (octaves of the Theophany, i. e. Epiphany).—*36 Edw. III, st. 1, c. 12.*
- Offering Days.—All offerings made at the altar by the king and queen, are distributed among the poor by the dean of the chapel. There are 12 days

called Offering Days, with respect to this practice—Christmas, Epiphany, Candlemas, Easter, Whitsunday, All Saints, New Year's Day, Annunciation, Ascension, Trinity Sunday, St. John Baptist, and Michaelmas Day, all which are high festivals (*Lex Constit.*, 184; see *Jacob in voc.*) George II and the prince made their offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, at the chapel royal at St. James's, on Twelfth Day, 1731.

Officiari Dies.—Festival Days.

Officiata Dies.—A Festival Day.

Oictouvre.—October, in French diplomas of the 13th and 14th centuries.

Oitieves.—Octaves, in Fr. records: “*Et ei dyemanche de la Resurrection*”—*Miracles de S. Louis*, ch. 39.

OLACIE, OLAILLE, OLAZIE.—See EULALIA.

Oleries.—Name of the O O of Advent, used in the date of a letter in the year 1478: “*Le dernier dimanche des Oleries de devant Noel*” (*Du Cange, Suppl.*) It is the “*Festum B. Mariæ de O*,” in the *Offic. Mozarab.* See *Expectatio B. MARIAE*.

OLYMPIA.—Apr. 15. A martyr in Persia, in 253.—*Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 78.

Olympiads.—The Greeks registered the events of their history by Olympiads, or the quadrennial celebration of the Olympic games. This practice began 776 years before the birth of Christ, 23 before the building of Rome, and on the year of the Julian period 3938. As the games were exhibited at the time of the full moon, immediately after the summer solstice, the Olympiads were of unequal length, because the time of the full moon differs 11 days every year. Hence, the Olympiad sometimes began the day after the solstice, and at other times 4 weeks after. The establishment of the indiction is said to have excluded Olympiads from public acts, but they were not abolished until the 16th and last year of Theodosius the Great. However that may be, some authors employed them in dates after Theodosius. The following, which is perhaps unique, was employed by Philip I of France, in one of his charters in favour of the church of St. Ambrose, of Bourges: “*Institutio autem istius regiae liberalitatis domini regis Philippi fuit facta in solemnitate sancti Ambrosii, quæ celebratur mediante octobris, anno ab Incarn. Dom. millesimo centesimo secundo, indictione quinta, olympiade trecentesima secunda, epacts xx,*” &c. We must not always take this term Olympiad literally from the writers of the middle ages. They frequently employ it to mark absolutely a duration of four years, without any reference to the series of revolutions which it denotes. This seems to be the meaning of a date of Ethelred. It is in this sense that Sidonius Apollinaris, in reply to Orosius, who had asked him for some verses, said that it was now three olympiads (*i. e.* 12 years) since he had taken leave of the Muses. Before him, Ausonius had said, speaking of his father's age—“*undecies binas vixit olympiades*,” that is, he had lived 88 years. The Romans, also, sometimes used their *lustra* in the same manner (see *Lustrum*). St. Colomela, in a piece of poetry addressed to Fedolus, to signify that he is in his 72nd year, says that he has attained the eighteenth olympiad:

“*Nunc ad olympiadis ter senæ venimus annos.*”

Some deeds of the 8th and 9th centuries employ the term in the same  
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sense, with respect to the regnal years of the princes under whom they passed. Ethelred, king of England, subscribes a charter: "Consentiens signo sue crucis subscripti in olympiade iii regni mei" (*Spelm., Gloss.*, p. 435). This 4th Olympiad is the 16th year of his reign. A charter of Cluny is dated, "Anno Dom. Incarn. DCCCCLXVI, anno autem secundo imperii Lotarii regis, extante indictione xv, prima holimiadis—imminente jam nobilissima ebdomada octobris mensis." The olympiad with which the first regnal year is marked is the 434th, begun in the month of July, 956. —*Verif. des Dates*, t. I, p. 5, 6.

**Omnis Gentes.**—Introit and name of the second Sunday after the Epiphany.

**Omnia quæ fecisti.**—Introit and name of the twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.

**Omnis Terra.**—Introit and name of the second Sunday after the Epiphany.

**Omnium Dierum Supremus.**—Easter Day.—*Filesac. de Quadragesima*, c. 16.

**Omnium Sanctorum.**—All Saints, "Festum" being understood, or the words taken without regard to the sense, and exactly as they are written in kalendars: *Byrnstan bīcop fōndērēdē on Pintan ceātƿē to Omnium Sanctorum.*—Bishop Byrnstan died in Winchester at "Omnium Sanctorum."—*Chron. Sax. ann. 934.*

**Opentide.**—Among the Saxons Opentidē was the entire interval between the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, but in rural affairs, Opentide is explained to be the season of carrying corn out of the common field.

**ORBINUS.**—Perhaps for Urban: "In die beati Orbini 1280."—*Rymer, Fæder. t. II, p. 581.*

**Ordination of St. AMBROSE.**—Dec. 7: V. 433.

**Ordination of St. GREGORY.**—Sept. 3: E. 457. The date of the confirmation of the charter of Henry I to the monastery of Bath is, "apud Windesoras, in die ordinationis Sancti Gregorii, iii non. Septemb. luna vi" (*Monast. Anglic. t. II, p. 267*). Gregory died March 12, 604, and about 150 years afterwards his body was placed under the altar of his name, and his anniversary was ordained; but formerly in the time of Lent the days of saints were little observed; and therefore the day of his death was changed to that of his ordination. *Rodulph. de Observat. Can. c. 6. Hospin. de Fest. Christ. fo. 50 b.*

**Ordination of St. MARTIN.**—July 4: V. 428; T. 441; E. 455.

**Ordination of St. SWITHUN.**—Oct. 30: V. 431.

**Ore.**—Hour, in Fr. records, "A l'ore de Meisdy," Noon.

**Oschorphoria.**—Palm Sunday, Oct. 10 (*Dresser, de Fest. Dieb. p. 55.*) This is properly the name of an Athenian festival, so called because they carried boughs hung up with grapes—*aἴ̄o τον φέρειν οσχας.*—*Plut. in Vit. Thesei.*

**OSITHA,** Virg.—Oct. 7: L. 470. Lived about 870.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. ii, p. 163.

**OSMUND,** Bishop.—Dec. 4 (*Brit. Sanct. p. ii, p. 908*), but July 16, in *Nicolas, Notit. Historica.* The former seems to be correct, at least it agrees better with the time of his death in Advent, 1099—*Oſmont bīceop of Seafbyngus innon Ābuent fōndērēdē.*—*Chron. Sax. Ann. 1099.*

**Oster Monath.**—The Easter Month, April. See *Month.*

**OSWALD,** King and Martyr.—Aug. 5: G. 411; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456; L. 468. His death is dated thus in King Alfred's translation of Bede's Ecclesiastical History: *Onb Oſyal's hæfde licumliene ylðo .xxxvii.*

þintja. þa hinemon offlogh ȝy fiftan dæge Augustes monþer—And Oswald had a bodily age of thirty-seven winters when he was slain on the fifth day of the month of August (*I. III, c. 9*). This is an early instance of a date by the ordinal number of the day; the chronicle dates it in the Roman manner, on the nones of August (*An. 642*). The *Natalitium* of St. Oswald as written, or rather translated, by Ælfric is extant in *Cott. MS. Julius, E. VII, fo. 151-155 b.* The Coucher Book of the Abbey of Cockersand contains the grant of the town Medlar from the Knights Hospitallers in the reign of K. John to Gilbert Fitz Reinfred, Baron of Kendal, upon a rent of 12*d.* per annum payable “ad Festum Sancti Oswaldi.”—*Whitaker, Richmondsh., v. II, p. 481.* The common date of the battle of Chevy Chase, or Otterborn, is July 31, but Bellenden, in his translation of Hector Boetius, makes it Aug. 5. “This battell of Otterburne was strickin in Sann Oswaldis day the v day of August, the geir of God ano. m. iij. c. lxxx. viij.” in *Gloss. to Robert of Brunne*, p. 526.

**Oswyn**, King.—Aug. 20: D. 456; March 11; E. 451. “Die Sancti Oswini in Autumno” (*Rotuli Parliam. t. I, p. 165*). His translation to Teignmouth, 414 years after his death, took place March 11, 1065—“Inventio corporis Sancti Oswini martiris anno ab ejus passione 414, anno Domini 1065, 5<sup>o</sup> id. Martii.”—*Monast. Anglic. t. III, p. 311.*

**Oure**.—Hour; time indefinitely, in the following: “Quelle chose ele nous doit monstrer entre ci e ke Paskes, ou quele oure qe ele vodra avaunt.”—*Rymer, Fœder. t. I, p. 475.*

**Outaves**.—Octaves, in our Fr. records, “Outaves de la Trinity.”—*Stat. 18 Edw. III, c. 2.*

**Paas Day**.—Easter Day, in an old English sermon: “*In die Pasche post Resurrectionem*—Goode men and women as ge knowe welle þis day is called in sume places Astur Day & in sume places Paas Day, &c.”—*Lansd. MS. 392, fo. 55 b.* See *Pascha*.

**Pace Day**.—Easter Day, in a MS. homily of the 5th century, called “Exortatio in die Pasche,” which is prefaced with the following explanation: “Worshipfulle frendis yé shall understande þt þis day in sum place is called Eastern Day, in sum place Pace Day, and in sum place Goddis Day. Ye knowe wele þt in many places where worship is vsed þe manere & custome is for to voide oure þe fire of þe hall þat day & þe stokes of þe chymney þt hath be brent & blak wt smoke. It is þis day w<sup>t</sup> grene risshes & fayre flouris strewid shewing example to all men & women þei shuld in like wise clende þe house of þere soules” *Harl. MS. 2247, fo. 94, 94 b.* Compare this with the quotation in *Astur Day*. See *Pascha*.

**Pache**.—Easter in old Engl. and Fr. records. In a record and process, an. 1943: “Ount done iour oultre tanque a la xv. de Pache procheyn avenir.”—*Will. Thorne. Chron., t. VII, col. 2077.*

**Pache Weke**.—The week of Easter: “Atte Bokenh'm castell on teuysday in pache weke in hast.”—*Paston Letters, (1456), v. III, p. 292.*

**Pachon**.—April 26: V. 425. The beginning of the 9th Egyptian month.

**Palmæ**.—*Palms*, i, Palm Sunday: “In nocte Palmarum multi sunt occisi.”—*Sim. Dunelm. an. 1082, p. 212.*

Palmarum, or Palmarum Dies.—Palm Sunday. The Sunday before Easter is so called, says Isidore, because on that day our Lord & Saviour on his approach to Jerusalem mounted on an ass, was met by a multitude of people bearing branches of palms and singing “Osanna in excelsis,” &c. (*Du Cange*, t. V, col. 77). The festival seems to be an imitation of the Pagan *Oschophoria*, which some writers have applied to this feast of palm branches. “Feria 11. post Palmarum.”—*Bed. Oper.* t. VII, p. 368.

Palmesondaye Weke, Palmsonne Eue.—The week before Easter, and the day before Palm Sunday. “On Palmeson weke all the Jewys in London were spoyled and robbid and to the nomber of v C were slayne and dyuers of theyr mansions brent and destroyed” (1263).—*Fabyan, Chron. Ellis's Edit.* p. 353.

“Eche dai f'm palmsone eue, forto æcher þorsdai,  
Oure lourde geode anigt to Betanye, þ wyp Simon leprous Iuy.”

“Bifore six of days of ester, a palmsone eue  
Jhu com to Betanye, þ' to beleue.”      *Harl. MS. 2247, fo. 4, 6.*

Palme Sonnenday.—Palm Sunday. The sixth Sunday in Lent, and the first before Easter.

“The ferth day formest next Palmesonenday  
The tyme, as I gest, R. [Ric. I.] gede to play  
Thorgh a cuntre, men calle it Lymosin.”

•      *Robert of Brunne p. 205.*

The old sermon for “Dominica in Ramis Palmarum” has the following account of the day: “Gode cryston men & women ge know welle all þis day is calde Palme sonnenday—þan wyste ihu þ' his passion was negh & toke Lazar, w<sup>t</sup> hym & so ryding on asse hi gode towerde Jerusalem & whanne þe pepul herdun þ' alle gode aȝennes him, boþe for wondur of þe man þ' was reyed from deth to lyue & also for to done cryste worcheþ, wherfore many haddon flowres in his way & many brokon brawnches of olyfe & of palme & keston in þe way & spreddon cloþus in þe way mixyng melody & sungynge þus—Blessed be þu, &c. but for encheson we haue non olyfe þ' bereth grene leues we takon in stede of hit hew & palmes wyth, & beroth abowte in procession & so þis day we callyn palme sonnenday” (*Cott. MS. Claud. A. 11, fo. 52*). Leslie in his notes on the Mozarabic Missal says that the benediction of palms was in use among the Gauls and Spaniards before the end of the seventh century; and Alcuinus (*De Offic.*), that the gospel was on this day borne on a cushion by two deacons in imitation of the triumph of Christ. Epiphanius first mentions Palm Sunday in the 4th century in his sermon *eg ra Baia*, or Palm Branches; then Maximus Turonensis about 430; Gregory the Great instituted the processions, and Paul Warnefried, the collector of homilies of the fathers, enumerated Palm Sunday among the holidays in the time of Charlemagne at the 8th century (*Hildebrand, de Dieb. Sanct.* p. 64). Polydore Vergil erroneously attributes the institution to the apostles.—*De Invent. l. VI, c. 8, p. 377.* See *Oschophoria*.

Pancake Month.—Spelman's translation of Bede's *Mensis Placentarum*. “A-

fit as a pancake for Shrove Tuesday or a morris for May-day" (*Shaksp: Alls Well*, act ii, sc. 2). The following account of the origin of frying pancakes on this day is given in Gale's Recreations: "One Simon Eyre, a shoe maker, being chosen Lord Mayor of London, instituted a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday for all the apprentices in London; and from that it became a custom. He ordered that upon the ringing of a bell in every parish, the apprentices should leave off work and shut up their shops for that day, which being ever since yearly observed is called Pancake Bell. In that same year he built Lcadennhall, 1406," &c. He may have introduced or revived such a custom, but it is evident from Bede that cakes were offered in the Pagan rites of February. See *Mensis Placentarum*.

**PANCRAE, PANCRAS, PANCRATIUS.**—May 12: G. 405; V. 426; T. 439; E. 453. A very noble Phrygian, who went to Rome, gave all his property to the poor, and called Jupiter a parricide, for which he was beheaded in the Aurelian road, under Valerian. A church was erected over his grave, but his body was afterwards removed to Venice (*Pet. de Natal. l. IV, c. 156. Hospin. de Fest. fo. 85*). Whether such a person ever lived is very doubtful; the festival was first mentioned in the 7th century—*Greg. Magni Homil. 27. Panegyricæ*.—Days appointed by the emperors as festivals in commemoration of victories and other great events.—*Euseb. l. X, c. 0; Vit. Constant., l. III; Hospin. de Fest. Christ. fo. 15 b.*

**Panes.**—See *Dominica de Panibus*.

**Panis Festum.**—The feast of bread, a name of Corpus Christi day from the adoration of a piece of bread by the priests and people on this day.—*Hospin. de Fest. fo. 92.*

**PANTALBON, PANTHALBON, Martyr.**—July 28: V. 428; T. 441; E. 455. physician, son of a senator of Nicomedia, and martyred in 303: "v kal. Augusti."—*Petr. de Natal. l. VI, c. 146; Hospin. de Fest., fo. 123 b.*

**Parabola.**—See *Dominica de Parabola—Regis—Seminis—Vinear.*

**Paralyticus.**—See *Dominica de Paralytico*.

**Parasceve, Παρασκευη.**—The Parasceve, signifying merely a day of preparation, was properly the name of any Friday, as Sunday was anciently called the day of the Resurrection, which is now appropriated to Easter (*Du Cange, t. V, col. 133-4*). The name is taken from the words of the apostle: Η-*παρασκευη του πασχα* (*Joh., xix, 14*)—*the preparation of the Passover*; but as a mere preparation, it also denoted the vigil of any feast. But, in course of time, Parasceve was applied only to Friday before Easter, or Good Friday. Origen enumerates the Parasceve of Pascha among the more celebrated festivals (*Contra Celsum, l. VIII*); it is, therefore, probable that this day was solemn from the time of the Apostles, but made more celebrated by the constitution of Constantine, which provides that the day before Saturday should be held holy, in memory of what the Saviour of all men did on that day (*Euseb. Vit. Const., l. IV.*) Chrysostom mentions this day, in his homily on the Cross and the Thieves (*Oper., t. II, p. 108*); and Hosipinian remarks, that what this father says of the day on which Christ suffered on the cross, is transferred by Grettscher the jesuit to the wooden cross, as if Chrysostom were speaking, not of Good Friday and our Lord's suffering, but of the festivals in honor of the wooden cross (*De Fest., fo. 80*). It is probable that the Christians, from the earliest time, celebrated this day, in commemoration

of the Passion of our Lord, with fasts, prayers, and other pious exercises. Throughout the whole of Lent, the Greeks prepared no eucharist except on Saturday and on Sunday, because that was a sacrifice of joy and festivity, but the rest of Lent was a time of mortification. They then consecrated the eucharist in such abundance, that there was not only sufficient for the communicants present, but it abounded on other days. In the Latin church, we have no proofs of its existence before the 12th century. George Cassander says that, on Parasceve, the mass is not sung, nor on Holy Saturday until the nocturnal vigils, and hence we think it wrong to prepare the eucharist on this day—"Die Parasceves missa non canitur, nec in Sabbato Magno usque ad vigilias noctis. Hinc nefas censemus illo die eucharistiam conficeret" (*Libell. IV; Ord. Rom. tit. Ordo in die Parasceves; Hildebrand. de Diebus Sanctis*, p. 69). Both Hildebrand and Hospiian refer to the Council of Toledo IV, as commanding, that those who do not fast on Parasceve shall be forbidden the public rites of Easter (*can. 7*). The former dates this council in 633 (*ut supra*, p. 70)—the latter in 631: this council, however, was held in 610, and the 5th (dated 671 of the Spanish era) in 633. The Council of Constantinople VI, in 680 or 681, by *can. 89*, commands that this day be celebrated with fast until midnight. In process of time, superstition invaded the observance. Durandus says that, on this day, the church celebrates no office solemnly, but meets at the ninth hour to adore the cross, and not to perform mass, of which this day is vacant (*I. VI, c. 77*). Cardinal Gaietan, or Cajetan (afterwards Boniface VIII), testifies, before 1294, that the pope and cardinals worshipped the cross prostrate and barefooted on this day (*Ordo Rom.*, n. 39, p. 368-9). In some churches, at the 6th hour, the candles and lamps are extinguished, and not relighted. The priest, with bare feet, reads the Passion upon the naked pulpit. In some churches, the sindons or napkins are placed upon the bare altar while the Passion is read; and when they come to the place—"they parted my raiment among them," the subdeacons remove the sindon, thus making a pantomime of the account, that the soldiers took our Lord's garments. The subdeacons remove the cloths furtively, to denote that John, who continued with our Lord at the cross, "hid himself like a thief, and fled naked," which Hospiian says is both false and impious (*Mark, xiv.*) The custom of adoring the cross was unknown in 610, as appears from the Council of Toledo. At the beginning of the 10th century, the clergy and laity, clad in their quadragesimal dresses, met in the church at the 8th hour, to assist the bishop in celebrating mass. After vespers, the cross was handed to all by the bishop to be kissed, and they were accustomed on this day to consecrate the fire and tapers. At Rome, Catalonia, Nice, Aix-la-Chapelle, Utrecht, and Besançon, they shew on this day the *Veronica*, or napkin, upon which Christ, by wiping drops of blood with it, impressed his face, which may yet be seen upon it. The people, on beholding it, cry out—Mercy, mercy! they also worship it in these terms—Hail, lovely face! thou who, on the altar of the cross, wast made thus pallid for us, &c.; and for saying this prayer to the *Veronica*, 340 days of pardon were granted by Innocent IV, about 1250. On this day, the kings of England consecrated rings, as the popes, on the following day, consecrated tapers; those who wore them believed them preservatives against epilepsy. From this arose the custom of preserving a

ring in Westminster Abbey with great veneration, because it was salutary to swelled limbs, and prevailed against epilepsy when touched by the afflicted. This ring was brought to King Edward by some persons from Jerusalem (*Hospit. de Fest.*, fo. 59 b, 61 b.) The old Sermon, *In die Parasceves*, begins—" Gode men & wym' (ye know) þat cryste þis day schede hys blode, for as ge alle know welle þis day callyd Gode Fryday."—*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II.*, fo. 54.

*Παρασκευὴ Μεγαλη.*—The Great Parasceve, or Long Friday of the Saxons.—*Schilter, Thes. Antiq. Teuton.*, t. III; *Index Dominical.*, p. 65.

Pardon Tyme.—A time during which Indulgences were granted. In the Privy Purse Expenses of Henry VII, there is a disbursement for boat-hire to Sion House, Aug. 12, 1494, during the granting of these pardons : " To two botes at pardon tyme, 1<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>" (*Excerpta Historica*, p. 98). The following were, and perhaps still are, the stated time of granting indulgences, or, as they appear to have been called, pardons :—1, from Christmas Day to the Epiphany ; 2, from the 1st to the 2nd Sunday in Lent inclusively ; 3, from Palm Sunday to Low Sunday inclusively ; 4, from Whitsunday, inclusively, to the end of the octaves of Corpus Christi ; 5, from the day of Sta. Peter and Paul to the end of their octave ; 6, from the Sunday, inclusively, preceding the Assumption to Aug. 22 (if the Assumption fell on the Sunday, the indulgence began on that day) ; 7, from Sunday, inclusively, preceding Michaelmas Day to the Sunday following, inclusively (if Michaelmas Day fell on Sunday, the indulgence began then) ; and, 8, from Sunday, inclusively, preceding All Souls to Nov. 8—if All Saints fell on Sunday, the indulgence began on that day. If this explain the *Pardon Tyne*, it fell within the 6th class, and lasted from Aug. 10 to 22. See *Perdon Sonday*.

Pars.—A Part ; in time, a minute ; *partes*, minutes. See *Punctum*.

PARTHINUS.—May 17 : G. 405. This appears to be the person named Parthemius by Petrus de Natalibus, and martyred at Rome on the *xxxx kal. Junii*, or May 19 (*L. V.*, c. 17). The Kal. Julius reads *Martinus*, but there is no festival to Martin near either day.

Partus Virginis.—A name of the Nativity, which occurs throughout *Gul. Neubrig. Hist.*

Pasca.—For *Pascha*, in many middle age writers, Saxon, English, and Latin. Pascha.—By itself, Easter Day generally ; but it is sometimes Easter Week.

In a charter of Albert Bussell, baron of Penwortham in the reign of Henry I : " Carta relecta fuit in curia domini, videlicet, in tercia feria Pasche" (*Charterulary of Evesham, Harl. MS.*, 3763, fo. 87 b.) In Italy and Spain, Pascha is sometimes used for other festivals, of which the names are added to it, as *Pascha Pentecostes*, *Paschu Epiphaniæ*, or *Epiphaniarum*. The word Pascha is Hebrew, signifying a transit, or Pass-over. As Christ made two transits, one from life to death on the 6th day of the week, and the other from death to life on the 1st day, some have thought that the festival of Pascha ought to be celebrated on the day of the Crucifixion, while others have preferred the day of the Resurrection ; and " Pascha Resurrectionis" occurs in a charter of an. 1259, quoted by Du Cange.

Pasca Annotina.—Pentecost is called " Pascha Annotina" because it is in the anniversary of the past Easter. " Dicitur Pascha Annotina quia est

*in anniversario præteriti Paschatis.*"—*Bened. Lib. Pollicit. n. 64; Mabillon, Ord. Rom. p. 148.* See—

**Pascha Annotinum**—An *anniversary of Pascha*; for instance, Easter in a past year fell on April 10, and in the next it fell on April 1; then April 10 in the second year is the anniversary of Easter, "Annotinum Paschæ," because it was Easter in the past year. The term is used of Easter only, because that festival is singular, and a solemnity of solemnities (*Bede de Off., Oper., t. I, p. 645*). When Easter falls on April 1, the 10th of April will be in Pentecost, which sometimes includes the interval from Easter to Whitsunday; hence, as explained by Benedict, in *Pascha Annotina*, this term is taken to denote Pentecost, as being in the anniversary, of the Easter of the preceding year. More particularly, however, it denotes the anniversary celebration of baptism on Easter Day, when the neophytes, on the same day in the following year, anciently assembled in the church with offerings, to celebrate with great solemnity the anniversary of their re-generation.—*Macri Hierolex. p. 36.*

**Pascha Bonum.**—Easter Day.

**Pascha Carnosum.**—Easter Day, when the use of flesh-meat is renewed.

**Pascha Clausum.**—Otherwise, *Clausum Paschæ*, Sunday, the octave of Easter, which closes the Paschal solemnity, and which we call Low Sunday.

**Pascha Communicans.**—Easter Day.

**Pasche Competentium.**—Palm Sunday, because the catechumens required on that day baptism of the bishop.

**Pasche Hebdomada.**—The week of Easter. A charter of Bertulf, king of the Mercians, in 851, conveying lands and privileges to Croyland is dated "Anno Incarnationis Christi Domini octingentesimo quinquagesimo primo feria sex a. in hebdomada pasche."—*Monast. Anglic. t. II, p. 113.*

**Pasche Florum**—Palm Sunday, "Pascha Florum" (*Orderic. Vital. l. VIII, n. 332, d. Dachene*). It takes these names from the hymn "Occurrunt in laetem floribus et palmis," which is sung on this day.

**Pasche Intrants, Pasques Commençant.**—Terms employed by those who begin the year a. Easter. "Du Vendredi après pasques commençant l'an 1387."—*Churi. apud Du Cange.*

**Paschal Cycle.**—The solar cycle is composed of 28 years, and that of the moon 19, which, multiplied together, compose a third, called from its use in finding Easter, the Paschal Cycle. This is a revolution of 532 years, at the end of which the two cycles of the moon, the regulars, keys of the moveable feasts, the solar cycle, concurrents, dominical letters, paschal term, Easter, the epacts with the new moons recur exactly as they were 532 years before and so continue for the same space, so that the second revolution is like the first, and the third like the two others. Thus the year before the Christian era, 532, the second revolution, and 1065, the third, are all marked by the following characters: Paschal Cycle, 2; cycle of 19 years, 2; lunar cycle, 18; regular, 1; key of the moveable feasts, 15; solar cycle, 10; concurrent, 5; dominical letter, B; Paschal term, March 25; Easter, March 27; epacts, 11: passing to the lunar kalendar, there will be found in the same times, taking the golden number, II; new moons, Jan. 12, Feb. 10, Mar. 12, Apr. 10, May 10, June 8, Aug. 6, Sept. 5, Oct. 4, Nov. 3, Dec. 2. This agreement is

perfect, and the same years of every revolution of the Paschal Cycle are marked by the same characteristics until the reformation of the kalendar in 1582. From this period the Paschal Cycle has become useless to all those who have embraced the reformed kalendar, and it can serve those only who have not submitted to it.\*

\* The Christians of the primitive church employed different cycles to determine the day on which Easter was to be celebrated. St. Prosper teaches that in the year 46 of the vulgar era they began to use the cycle of 84 years, which they borrowed from the Jews. But that cycle being defective, St. Hippolitus, bishop and martyr, prepared a canon or cycle of 16 years to regulate Easter: this cycle seven times repeated forms a period of 112 years, which was to serve from 222 to 333. Antilius, Bishop of Laodicea, prepared a new Paschal canon, containing a cycle of 19 years, in which he attached to the vernal equinox March 22, instead of which it had then advanced to the 21st, according to the calculation of the Alexandrians. This cycle, beginning in 276, has been understood by few people because it is full of paradoxes, so that it has never been of great use in the church. Eusebius, Bishop of Cesarea, in Palestine, one of the principal prelates in the council of Nice, prepared, some time after his return from that assembly, a Paschal canon, or cycle of 19 years, with the aid of that of St. Hippolitus; but the result of his labour did not obtain every suffrage. The Westerns found a difficulty in accommodating themselves to this cycle of 19; and the people of the East and Egypt having remarked its inconveniences, they all agreed on the necessity of improvement. In consequence, the emperor Theodosius, in the first year of his reign, commissioned Theophilus, then a priest, but afterwards bishop of Alexandria, who prepared a sort of period composed of 23 enneadecaterides, or cycles of 19 years, making in all 437 years. Having achieved it, he sent it some time after to St. Jerome to be translated into Latin. But on the small appearance there was of publishing it, or of its general reception, he prepared another cycle, or paschal canon, which he called a cycle of 100 years, because, in fact, he marked the Easters for 100 years, that is from 380 to 479, so that in reality his cycle could contain only five lunar cycles of 19 years. This cycle was adopted and generally followed throughout the empire. Though it was, without contradiction, the most perfect of all those which the church had hitherto used, it did not entirely satisfy the Latins; they found difficulties in it which compelled them to return to their ancient calculations. But St. Cyril who had succeeded his uncle, Theophilus, in the bishopric of Alexandria, and who believed himself charged by all the church with the care of regulating the Easter, undertook the defence of his cycle, and shewed the defects of the Roman calculation which they would substitute in its place. He reduced the centenary cycle to 95 years which make a period of five lunar cycles of 19 years; and without waiting for the expiration of the hundred years in his uncle's cycle, he made his reformed cycle run from the year 437. The Latins, however, regarding as a troublesome yoke the species of dependence in which they were in relation to the Greeks and Easterns for the celebration of Easter, caused Victorius to labour on this subject. This calculator then composed the Victorian period, which he published in 457, twenty years after the com-

By the ancients the Paschal Cycle is called *Annsus Magnus*, *Circulus*, or *Cyclus Magnus*. We still call it the Victorian Period, because it was composed by Victorius of Aquitaine, at the persuasion of Hillary, archdeacon of the church of Rome under the pontificate of Leo the Great. Paxi, in his criticism on Baronius, *ann. 469, n. 3*, proves that Victorius composed it in 457, on occasion of the dispute between the Greeks and Latins on the subject of the Easter of 455. He fixes the commencement of this period at the year of the passion, which, according to the manner of reckoning followed by this ancient author, answers to the year 28 of the Christian era, or of the incarnation as we now reckon. The death of St. John de Reome, reported in the first Century of Saints of the Order of St. Benedict, is dated: "Anno Domini quingentesimo duodecimo juxta quod in Cyclo B. Victurii numeratur," which Mabillon makes 539 of the incarnation, taking the commencement of the Victorian period to be 28 of Christ.

But this manner of commencing did not last long. Dionysius Parvus, who laboured on the same period, has given another commencement; and he makes it ascend a year above our vulgar era, so that the first year of Christ answers to the second of the Victorian period as corrected by Dionysius Parvus. Marianus Scotus, in his Chronicle *ann. 531*, says: "Explicit magnus cyclus paschalis DXXXII annorum, in ejus secundo anno, juxta Dionysium natus est Dominus." It is not pretended that all who have used this cycle have been guided by Dionysius. The following date from the new *Gallia Christiana*, *t. II, col. 385*, does not coincide with his cycle: "Acta est hujusmodi ecclesiae cartula—anno Dominicæ Incarnationis MLXXVI, indictione XIV, cyclo paschali X, epacta XII, concurrentibus V." According to the cycle of Dionysius, the Paschal Cycle ought

mencement of the cycle of Theophilus, reduced to 95 years by St. Cyril. But though Victorius adopted the lunar cycle of the Greeks, he followed the computation of the Latins in such a manner as to render the cycle of Theophilus useless in the West. However, they soon fell into the inconvenience which the pope, St. Leo, desired to avoid. These were the diversity of practice in the celebration of Easter, which the Council of Nice had ordered for one and the same day in all churches. At last, Dionysius Parvus having undertaken to abolish at once the cycle of Victorius and the ancient cycle of the Latins, prepared a new Paschal canon on the lunar cycle of the Alexandrians; and he retained the great period of Victorius composed of the two cycles, lunar and solar, multiplied together. This is what is called the Dionysian period of 532 years, which differs from the Victorian period because it turns on the calculations of the Easterns or Alexandrians, which were more certain than those of the Latins employed by Victorius to flatter the Romans. Dionysius published his own cycle in 526 in the design of causing it to follow the cycle of Theophilus reformed by St. Cyril, which, having commenced in 437, must expire in 531, and Dionysius made his to commence in 532. Thus, whatever Blondel and Guibert may say, both of whom indicate what ought to have been rather than what was, the Paschal Cycle, in order to be conformable to the dates of this cycle which are found in charters and chronicles, must be carried back to the year before the Christian era.

be **xiii.** But it may be that this Paschal Cycle is not taken here for the Paschal Cycle now under consideration, and that it is the lunar cycle which the author has called *paschalis*, because it served the Jews in observing their Pascha. What leads to a belief in this is, that the lunar cycle 10 answers to the year 1076, while the Paschal Cycle, properly so called, does not. Whether this conjecture be true or false, it is certain, on other accounts, that we must give several commencements to the Paschal Cycle, as several are to be given to the great part of this of epochs.\*

Blondel, in his remarks on the Roman Kalendar, would have given the Paschal Cycle, or Victorian Period, a commencement very different from that which we have in following Dionysius. If (says this author) it were required in retrograding to seek the commencement of this period, we must take 457 years before the birth of Christ, in which we must suppose that both these cycles commenced, if we wish, according to our usage, that the year of Christ should have 2 for the lunar cycle and 10 for the solar. By this means we should find that the first period will have finished in the year 75 from the nativity, which had 19 for the lunar cycle, and 28 for the solar; and, moreover, the year 76, having 1 for each of these cycles, is the commencement of the second period; the year 608, that of the third; the year 1140, that of the fourth; and the year 1672 would have been that of the fifth if there had been no alteration in the cycles by the correction of the kalendar. Thus reasons Blondel, who marks what is not in the universal church but in some particular churches. With all the moderns he confounds the lunar cycle with the cycle of 19 years. A distinction between

\* In a manuscript of the college of Claremont, according to the testimony of Father Labbe (*Eloges Histor. t. II, p. 70.*) the date of the death of Thierri IV, king of France, is: "A Nativitate Domini usque in præsentem annum, in quo Theadericus rex Francorum defunctus est DCCXXXVII, in quo anno, indictione quinta, epacta xv, concurrente i, lunæ circulum **xiii, xiv, xii,** kalendis Aprilis. Pascha **ix** kal. Aprilis, luna **xvii, xxiv** de annorum **DXXXII**, secundum Graecos, cyclo." This cycle of "532 according to the Greeks," had commenced 531 years before Christ, since in 737 it was the 24th year of its third revolution. This is an example among others of the divers commencements given to the Paschal Cycle. The following date is by the years of the Paschal Cycle expressed with others. It is at the end of a deed of donation to the abbey of Cluny: "Actum publice, Cabilonis civitate, anno ab Incarn. Dom. MLXIII, indictione **i**, epacta **xviii**, concurrente **ii**, residente Romæ Alexandro papa discretissimo, regnante in Francia Philippo rege, anno regni ejus **v**. Secundo magni anno ab Incarn. Domini J. C. qui constat **DXXXII** annis Decennovennali cyclo **lvi**, **iv** non. Junit." The great year mentioned here is no other than the Paschal Cycle of which the second revolution expired in 1063, the same as the 56th of the cycle of 19 years. Sigebert, in his *Chron. an. 1063*, says, this year ended the great cycle of 532 years, composed of 28 cycles of 19 years. Thus Marianus Scotus, Sigebert, and the writer of this character make the commencement of the Paschal Cycle ascend to the year which immediately precedes the first of our vulgar year.

them must, however, be observed (*Verif. des Dates*, t. I, p. 62.) See *Golden Number*.

**Paschalis Dies.**—The week of Easter is sometimes so called. “The Paschal day which is celebrated during 7 days as if it were one day.”—*Amalar. Lib. de Ordin. Antiphon. cap. 52.*

**Paschalis Lunæ, Incensio prima.**—Mar. 8: G. 401; V. 424; T. 437; E. 451. *Ultima*, Apr. 5: G. 403; V. 425; T. 438; E. 452. See *Accensio, Dicensio*.

**Paschalis Terminus.**—The 14th day of the Paschal Moon. It is found in ancient charters, and was first used by Rodradus, a priest, in 853. It is a scientific term, says Du Cange, which those notaries employ who affect to display their proficiency in chronology. Besides the Pascal Term, say the French Chronologists, which constantly fell on March 11, the ancients used another means of ascertaining the day of Easter. This was the 14th day of the moon which precedes Easter Sunday. They called this 14th day of the moon the Paschal Term, and we often find it in dates: “Anno 1132, indict. 10, epacta 1, concurrentibus 5, terminus paschalis 2 nona Aprilis, dies ipsius paschalis diel 4 idus (*eiusdem Aprilis*) luna ipsius diei (*Paschæ*) 20.” All these dates are correct (*Verif. des Dates*, t. I, p. 79). Bede gives the following rule for the paschal term: “Terminus Paschalis requiritur a cal. Aprilis. Et ab ipso accipiunt ceteri ordinem. Et hoo observandum quia nunquam ante XII cal. April. terminus Paschæ.—At vero postquam dies superare noctem, adveniente XIV luna agitur terminus et subsequenti die dominico statim solemnitas Paschæ celebratur.—In ipso termino omni tempore invenitur luna decimquarta” (*Oper.*, t. I, p. 201). The Paschal terms, according to the Computus in the Saxon Kalendar (*Titus, D. XXVII*), are April 5, March 25, April 13, April 10, March 22, April 30, April 18, April 7, April 27, April 15, April 4, March 24, April 12, April 1, April 21, April 9, March 29, April 17 (*Fo. 11 b.*) In the kalendar E., 451-2, the golden numbers are placed at each of these terms in the same order, as April 5, I—March 25, II—April 13, III, and so on to April 17, which completes the cycle of XIX.

**Pascha Medium.**—Wednesday in Easter week.

**Pascha Petitum.**—The same as *Pascha Competentium*.

**Pascha Primum.**—March 22: V. 424; T. 437. This day is so called by many ancient writers, because Easter may fall on it, but not before.

**Pascha Resurrectionis.**—See *Pascha*.

**Pascha Rosaceum, or Rosada.**—Pentecost, because it falls in the rose season.

**Pascha Rosarum.**—Pentecost, for the same reason as *Pascha Rosaceum*.

**Pasche.**—Easter, in old Engl. and Fr.: “This ordenaunce to take effect of all pluries capias and exigend to be made & sued after the feste of Pasche that shall be in the yere of our lord 1446<sup>4</sup>.”—*Rotuli Parliam.* (23 Hen. VI, n. 39), t. V, p. 110.

**Pase.**—Easter. Wyntoun says—

“ The sextene day after pase  
The states of Scotland gadryd wase.”

**Pask.**—Easter, in Robert of Brunne, p. 263:

“ Fro gole to þe pask werged Sir Edward.”

Pask Day.—Easter Day, in Robert of Brunne :

“ S. Bede sals of þis Edwyn,  
Sen he forsoc the lawe Sarazeyn  
He was cristen on Pask Day,  
At gork forsoc pean lay.”

*In Gloss. to Rob. of Glouc., p. 655.*

Paskflorye.—Palm Sunday (see *Pascha Floridum*), in our Fr. records ; thus, the truce between Lord Douglas and the Earl of Northampton, in 1356, is dated—“ Escript sou mon seal a Roxburgh, Lundy l'endemayne de Pask-florye l'an de grace mill CCC cynquant & sysme.”—*Rymer, Fœder.*, t. III, p. 327.

Pask Term, Pask Weke.—Easter Term and Easter Week, in Rob. of Brunne, p. 272, 318.

Pasques Commencanz.—The same as *Pascha Intrans*, in our Fr. records. In a letter of Charles, king of France, 1366, he says of Belleville—“ Nous le baillerons et deliverons a nostre dit frère, a ses hoirs, ou deutez, dedens le jours de Pasques commencanz l'an de Grace mill ccc lxviii.”—*Rymer, t. II, P. ii*, p. 782 ; see also p. 785.

Pasques Communiant, Pasques Communiaux.—Easter Day.

Pasques Charneaux.—The same as *Pascha Carnosum*.

Pasques Escommuniant.—Easter Day.

Pasques Flories.—Palm Sunday (see *Pascha Floridum*). Diploma, an. 1280, dated “ Environ la Pasque Florie procheinement passee.”—*Rymer, Fœd.*, t. I, p. ii, p. 583.

Pasques Nèves.—The day on which the new year commenced, when computed from the consecration of the Easter tapers. Easter Day.

Passha.—For *Pascha*. “ In Vigilia Passhe,” is the title of a homily of the 15th century, commencing—“ Worshipfulle frendes, on Esterne euene the Pascalle is broghte forthe to be halowyde,” &c. (*Harl. M.S.*, 2247, fo. 92 b.) See *Benedictio Cerei*.

Passinge Day.—Easter Day. Passing is a translation of the Hebrew *Pascha*, the Passover, or the Latin *Transitus*, as the Saxons had rendered it before into *Færeld*, a passage or journey (see *Færeld Freols*). In the Harleian collection of MSS., is a homily for “ Godds Sonday, or Passinge Day, or Ester Day.”—*Codex 2371*, fo. 31 b.

Passio.—The day of a martyr's suffering—his *Natalitium*.

Passio decem Martyrum in Creta.—The Suffering of ten Martyrs in Crete. Dec. 23, *Greek Homily*.

Passio, or Passio Domini.—Our Lord's Passion is sometimes called the Passion alone. In the Kalendar of Arras of the year 826, at March 25, which is now the Annunciation, we have the Conception of Christ and the Passion of our Lord. But this appears to be peculiar to the church of Arras. The Mozarabic ritual asserts, that Good Friday alone is called the Passion : “ Solaque dies Parusceves dicitur Passio” (*Offic. Mozarab.*). In a more general sense, it is the week preceding Palm Sunday—Passion Sunday, or the fifth in Lent, in Latin called *Dominica in Passione*, or Sunday in the Passion, being the fifth in Lent ; and an old English Sermon on *Dominica in Passione* says—“ þis day is callyd in holy chyrche Sunday in þe Passion

for encheson þ<sup>i</sup> oure Lorde ihu criste began his passion on þis day" (*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II., fo. 50 b.*) Tho. Wikes (*an. 1264*), for April 5, dates "Non. Aprillis, viz. die Sabbati in vigilia Passionis" (*Decem Script.*, p. 62). *Passio* here is taken for Sunday in the Passion. Henry V was crowned at Westminster in 1413, "Dominica in passione Domini, viz. Idus Aprilis, quo die fuit maxima tempestas nivis" (*Tho. Otterbourne*, p. 273). Anciently, the Passion included the whole time, from the fifth Sunday in Lent to Easter Day (see *Passion Sunday*). *Passio Domini* is sometimes taken for the incarnation, as in a charter of 1083, quoted by Du Cange.

**Passionalia.**—The Passion Week. Dresser says that the Passionalia are the Pagan Bacchanalia, celebrated March 17, which the Christians, changing the manner and object, have adopted.—*De Fest. Diebus.*

**Passion Sunday.**—The fifth Sunday in Lent, or that which precedes Palm Sunday. From this 5th Sunday to Easter was formerly called the passion; and hence the Sunday itself was Sunday in the Passion, the 6th Sunday in Lent having the name of Palm Sunday. A Saxon sermon on the fifth Sunday in Lent, "Dominica v in xl<sup>a</sup>" gives the following account of the whole period: *Deor tīd fñam þírum ȝpeanðum þæg oð þa halgan eastrēt tīðe. ð* geceƿdeñ cniƿteȝ þnopung tīd. ȝ ealle goder heoraþ on þær halgan gelaðunge. mið heora cýniclum þenungum pupðiað. ȝ on gemynðe healðað hir þnopunge. þunh þa pe ealle alyreðe pupðon. Seceðð eas upo bee þ pe reeolon þar reopeñtige niht mið mycelne georgrulnýrre healðan. for genelæcunge þærne halgan þnopunge. ȝ þær anƿurðfullan seurteȝ uper hælenðer. &c.—This festival from the present day to the holy Easter tide is called the festival of Christ's passion, and all God's servants in holy church, honor it in their ecclesiastical service, and keep his passion in commemoration that through it we were all redeemed. Our books also tell us that we must observe these forty nights (of Lent) with great diligence, on account of the approach of the holy Passion, and the revered resurrection of our Lord, &c. (*Cott. MS., Faustina, IX., fo. 91*). It appears from this, that the observances of the Lenten fast became more strict as the time came to a close. The whole time of the Passion was called the Great Week, *Hebdomas*—or, in Mediæval style, *Hebdomada Magna*, consisting of the 14 days before Easter, of which the first was Sunday in the Passion, or Passion Sunday, and the second, Palm Sunday. The Council of Laodicea (*can. 46*) name this period *Hebdomas Passionis*, the Week of the Passion (*Hildebrand. de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 61). The institution is attributed to Alexander I (*Ib.*, p. 62). In the reformed church, Passion Sunday seems to be that which was previously called Palm Sunday.

**Passion Week.**—Since the Reformation, this term appears to have denoted only the second week of the *Hebdomas Passionis*, or *Hebdomas Magna*. Archbp. Laud, in his Narration of his Trial, by referring to the usage of a thousand antecedent years, seems to employ it in the enlarged sense, for the fortnight before Easter: "He says this fair piece [a crucifix] was hanged up in *Passion Week*, as they call it. As they call it? Which they? Will he shut out himself from the *Passion Week*? All Christians have called it so for above a thousand years together (Et observabatur ab omnibus—*Videlius in Ignat. Epist. ad Philip.*, *Exercitat.* 16, c. 3).—*State Trials*, v. I, p. 286.

But Dr. Johnson clearly confines it to the week before Easter; he writes—“The last *Idler* is published in that solemn week, which the Christian world has *always* set apart for the examination of the conscience, the review of life, the extinction of earthly desires, and the renovation of holy purposes.” This Number is dated Saturday, April 5, 1760, and the day following was Easter Sunday. In the reign of Henry V, when the following date was written, it is the second week before Easter—“Wrete at Evereux the Monday next byfore Passion Sunday.”—*Ellis, Orig. Letters, v. I, p. 78.*

**Passio Quadraginta Martyrum.**—Passion of 40 soldiers in Sebaste, March 10.

**Passio Septem Fratrum.**—Passion of the seven brothers, July 10.

**Passio Viginti Millia Martyrum in Nicomedia.**—Dec. 28.

**Passio Undecim Millia Virginum.**—The 11,000 Virgins, Oct. 21.

**PASTOR.**—May 29: G. 402. A bishop in the time of Aurelian—“*III kal. Apr.*”—*Petr. de Natal., l. XI, c. ult., n. 104.*

**Pastor Bonus.**—The second Sunday after Easter, the gospel of which is “*Ego sum pastor bonus*”—I am the good shepherd. It is also called *Dominica de Pastor Bonus*.

**Paternoster Wyle.**—The period in which a paternoster can be rapidly uttered. A proverbial expression, to denote a very short time. The writer of one of the Paston Letters, giving an account of the slaying of Sir Richard Stafford by Sir Robert Harcourt, at Coventry, on Corpus Christi Even (23 Hen. VI), says—“Al thys was done as men say in a pater noster wyle” (*v. I, p. 14.*) Sir John Fenn, on this passage, quotes from Langham’s Garden of Health, printed in 1597, the following recipe for deafness—“For ears dull, quarter a red onion downright and boyle in the oyle of olive while one may say three paternosters.”

**PATERNUS.**—April 16: G. 403. Otherwise Patier or Pair, a bishop in 565; Apr. 15 (*Brit. Sancta, p. i, p. 226*). Another was a recluse, April 10 (*ib. p. 217.*) A third was a monk and martyr, 726, Nov. 12.—*Petr. de Natal., l. XI, c. ult. n. 173.*

**PATRICIUS, PATRICK.**—March 17: G. 401; V. 424; E. 437. He is said to have been apostle of Ireland in 464. His translation, June 9.—*Brit. Sanct., p. i, p. 175.*

**PAULINUS.**—Oct. 31: G. 416. Others—1. Aug. 31: G. 412; E. 456; a bishop of Treves, 358. His translation, May 13 (*Petr. de Natal., l. VII, c. 139;* 2. Abp. of York, 644, Oct. 10; 3. Bp. of Nola, 431, June 22; 4. Paulinus, 804, Jan. 28; 5. Bp. of Lucca, July 12).

**PAULUS ACCULA.**—March 2: G. 401. Paul the hermit; but if this be “Paulus primus Accola”—P. the first hermit, the day is wrong, unless it be a translation.

**PAUL,** the first hermit.—Jan. 10: G. 397; V. 422. This is, according to Bede’s Martyrology, and to other ancient kalendars, and it is that mentioned in *Petr. de Natal. (l. II, c. 60.)* This was the natal day; but, says Baronius, “Ejus autem dies festus xviii kalen. Feb.” Hence, in a date, regard must be had to the year, as it may be January 15, which is the day in the Greek, and French, and English churches of the present day. He lived about 287. St. Jerome, in his Martyrology, says: “Anachoretarum Paulus fuit auctor, Antonius illustrator, Johannes Baptista princeps.”

**PAUL,** Commemoration of.—June 30: L. 466; E. 454; not because St. Paul

suffered on this day, but because the office of St. Peter and St. Paul, June 29, could not well be celebrated on the same day. Gregory the Great appointed that the day on which they suffered should be the solemnization of St. Peter, and the following day the commemoration of St. Paul.—*Hospius. (from Beleth. Rat. c. 138,) de Festus, fo. 115.*

**PAUL**, Conversion of.—Jan. 25. See *Conversio S. Pauli*.

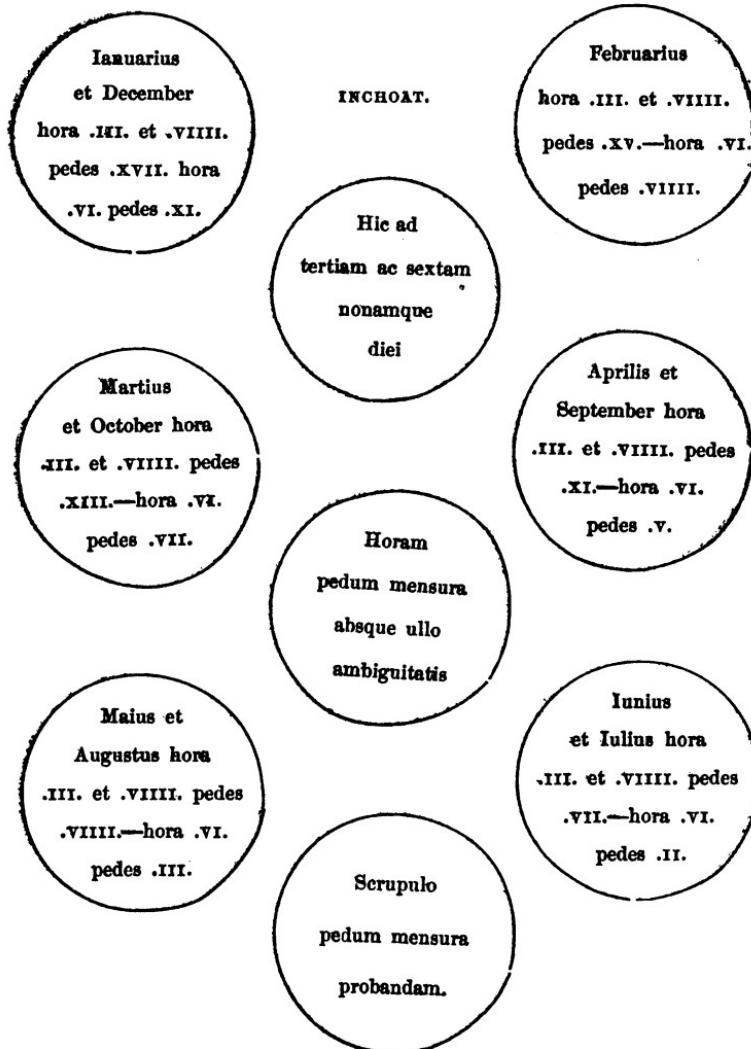
**PAUL**.—June 7: G. 407; bishop of Constantinople, martyred under Constantius (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 95). Another, Nov. 6: G. 417. Besides these there were—1. martyr, June 26; 2. bp. of Narbonne, 1st cent. March 22; 3. bp. of Leon, 573, March 12; 4. bp. of Verdun, Feb. 8; 5. P. the Minorite, Dec. 15.

**Pausatio**.—The same as *Dormitio*, Feb. 4, March 17, May 25, July 21, Dec. 30: G. 399, 401, 406, 410, 420. In an ancient kalendar quoted by Du Cange, “Pausatio S. Mariæ,” is the Assumption, t. V, col. 297.

**PAWLYN**.—Jan. 28. See *Paulinus*. “In this XXVII yere (*Henry III, 1254*) the water of the see about ye day of Seynt Pawlyn in the monyth of Januarlii, roose to suche a heyghe that it drownyd many vylegys and housys.—*Fabyan, Chron.*, p. 377, by *Ellis*.

**Pedes**.—Feet, a measure of length applied to time, of which some remains still exist in half-consumed Sax. Kalendar, V. 422, & seqq. In each month the hour of the day was computed from the length of the shadow cast by a man's body in the sun. The standard height is not mentioned, nor can there be much accuracy in such a method. Under *Hora*, a scale is given from Bede (*Oper. t. I, p. 465*), but it does not in all respects correspond with the relics of the kalendar, nor with the following scale, which, since that article was printed, has been noticed in the Computus of the Kalendar *Titus, D., XXVII, fo. 12 b*:-

## HORALOGIUM HORARVM



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**Peccatrix Pœnitentialis.—Thursday in Passion Week.**

**Pentecost.**—This word sometimes, and particularly among the Greeks, includes all the period from Easter to Whitsunday—with us, it is this day and the week following. Whitsuntide, the Pentecost of the ancients, totally differed from the present. They called those fifty continuous days, from Easter to Pentecost Day, both inclusive, by the name of Pentecost (*Tertull. de Idolat.*) It is on this account that Pentecost admitted the term *Pascha Annotina*, or *Annotinum*, an anniversary of the Easter of the year before, which of course would be inapplicable, if Pentecost had no more latitude than it has at present. St. Ambrose says that these 50 days, as they are called, were observed like Sundays (*Serm. 51*). Chrysostom calls them days of indulgence, in which the body should be refreshed, lest the soul be corrupted. M. Simon, in the supplement to his Ceremonies of the Jews, compares the Christian Pentecost with that of the Jews; and says that, as it was on this day that God gave the Law to the Israelites on Mount Sinai, which became all on fire, so the Apostles received the new Law on the same day, being filled with the Holy Ghost, which descended on them with a great noise, as noted in the Acts of the Apostles. He adds, that Pentecost was principally instituted to honor the day on which the new law was impressed by the Holy Ghost on the hearts of the Apostles, in imitation of the law given to Moses the same day on the tables of stone (*Moreri, Dict. Hist.*, t. I, P, p. 120). Polydore Vergil mentions, that there were some who thought that Pentecost was not a feast among the Christians in the age of the Apostles (*De Invent.*, l. VI, c. 8, p. 377). The Eliberitan Council, held about 300, by can. 43 commands, that those who do not celebrate it shall be punished for a new heresy. The most general meaning affixed to Pentecost is, that Whitsunday is the first day: it is mentioned in the Saxon Chronicle, that in the year 1104, the nones of June was the first day of Pentecost. In that year, the golden number was III, the dominical letter, B, Easter Day, April 17, and Whitsunday, June 5, or the nones of June. Pentecost Day, Pentecostmas Day, and Pentecostmas Week, are terms of rather frequent recurrence in the Chronicle. “Hoc anno (1232) XXI die Maii fuit terræ motus ante Pentecosten, ac eciam vigilia Pentecostes in aurora fuit magnus terræ motus per totam Angliam” (*Wilh. Wyrcest., Annal.*, p. 441). “The prince shall be create at Wyndesour upon Pentecost Sunday (*Paston Letters*, v. I, p. 76). Sir John Fenn remarks upon this letter, that “the creation of Edward, son of Henry VI, to the principality of Wales, is fixed by some of our historians to the year 1454, and by others to that of 1457. This letter confirms it to have been in the former year, for in that year Pentecost, or Whitsunday, fell on the 9th June; and we are here told that the ceremony shall take place on Pentecost Sunday, that is, the next day.”

**Pentecoste Collectororum.**—The Pentecost of the Collectors. This date occurs in the charter of Thorold, on the foundation of Spalding, as a cell to the monastery of Croyland: “In die sancto Pentecostes collectorum anno Domini Incarnationis MLI” (*Monast. Anglic.*, t. II, p. 119). Pentecost was a sort of impost or tribute, as well as a festival, and *collector*, which was but seldom used by the best Roman authors, was one who levied such imposts; if this be the meaning of the date, it may refer to some local custom in Saxon times, but in other respects it was unnecessary; for the addition of *sanctus*

*dies* points to Whitsunday. Perhaps *collectorum* should be *collectarum*, which seems to be equally unnecessary.

Pentecostes Media.—Wednesday of Pentecost; among the Latins, it is also Wednesday in the week after Whitsunday, and Wednesday in the octaves of Pentecost. The Mesopentecost of the Greek ch.

Pentecostes Prima.—The first day of Pentecost, May 15: T. 439. What this may be is not very clear; the first day on which Pentecost can fall is May 10, and the last, June 13. The Computus of this Kalendar gives the following rule for finding Pentecost: “*De Pentecosten.*—Post .v. idus mai ubi lunam .*XXX.* inuenieris ibi fac terminum pentecosten” (*Fo. 13*)—Make the term of Pentecost where you find the moon 4 days old after May 11. To exemplify this, take the year 1051, in the date of the charter of Thorold (see (*Pentecoste Collectorum*)). The golden number of that year is **vii**, which is opposite the ides of May, or May 15 in the lunar kalendar; the moon was four days old on May 19, and that was the Whitsunday of 1154; for Easter Day fell on March 31.

Penthecost.—Pentecost, in a letter of secret instructions from Government, in 1352, for the reception and treatment of David de Bruys: “La Penthecost prochein a venir.”—*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. III, p. 242.

Penthesis.—The Purification, Feb. 2 among the Greeks.

Penult Day. The last day but one. Thomas, abbot of Kelso, dates a letter in 1523—“At Kelso the penult day off Februar.—*Duo Rer. Angl. Script.*, t. II, p. 592.

Perdon Sonday.—Pardon Sunday. “I prey yow be redy w<sup>t</sup> all the Accomptantys belongyng to my Lady at the ferthest w<sup>t</sup>in viij dayes next aftyr perdon sonday” (*Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 100). This letter was written 20th September, 1472. If Pardon Sunday be the *Dominica Indulgentiae* of the Latin writers, the accounts were to be prepared by April 11, 1473, allowing more than 6½ months. But there were stated times for the granting of indulgences, besides this Palm Sunday, or Sunday of Indulgence. A list of these seasons of indulgence is contained under *Pardon Tyme*, and if it explain the Perdon Sonday, it fell within the 7th class, and, consequently, the account was to be returned by Monday, October 5, following the date of the latter, so that the lady allowed only a fortnight for the preparation.

Perdu Dimange (le).—The Lost or Forlorn Sunday, was Septuagesima S., because it had no distinctive name, Septuagesima denoting it merely as the 70th day before Easter.

Pere entrant Aoust.—Peter entering August, that is, August 1, the feast of *St. Peter ad Vincula*, or in the *Gule of August*. “Le Pere entrant Aoust.”—*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. I, p. 561.

PEREGRINE, PEREGRINUS.—May 16: G. 405. A priest sent by St. Sixtus from Rome to France, where he restored Christianity, and was martyred with others on his return to Rome, in 390.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 5; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 86.

PERENELLE, Virgin & Martyr.—May 31: L. 465. The French name of *Petronella*, or *Petronilla*.

PERPETUA.—March 7: G. 401. With Felicitas, V. 424; T. 417. The former is said to have suffered on this day in 205, and the latter in 203. Pe-

**trus de Natalibus** says Perpetua, Felicitas & companions, were martyrs on the nones of March, under Valerian.—*Cat. Sanct.*, l. III, c. 182.  
**Pervigilia.**—In classical language, a perpetual watch; but our Latinists mean, with respect to the day, the same as eve or vigil, with, perhaps, a little more strictness in the observance.

**PETER ad Vincula.**—August 1. *St. Peter's Chains*, in the Laity's Directory (see *Ad Vincula S. PETRI*). Respecting the origin of this festival, there is a great diversity of opinion. Durandus thinks it an imitation of the festival celebrated by the Egyptians, in honor of Augustus Cæsar. He says that Theodosia, the consort of Theodosius II, on her way to Jerusalem, saw the 1st of August celebrated at Alexandria, in honor of Augustus Cæsar, and that she was sorely grieved that such great honor should be thrown away on a “damned” pagan. On arriving at Jerusalem, she obtained the very chains with which Herod bound St. Peter, and carried them to Rome. Theodosius erected the church of St. Peter, placed the chains in it, and consecrated it on the 1st of August, in 439 or 440 (*Durand. de Rat. Div. Off.*, l. VII, c. 19). But Theodosius had no other wife than Eudocia, nor is there any mention of the Alexandrian festival. Bale says that Sixtus consecrated the chains at Eudocia's request, and confirmed the annual festival (*Cent.* 1, c. 36; see *Hospin., de Festis*, fo. 124 b.) Polydore Vergil says that it was instituted by Sylvester, who sat from 314 to 335, at the request of Constantine, in memory of the apostle's sufferings for religion (*De Invent.*, l. VI, c. 8, p. 378). One thing appears very certain—a count in the service of the emperor Otho, in 900, was delivered, by kissing the chains, from a devil by whom he was possessed, in consequence of which they were worshipped with more profound veneration than ever (*Hospin.*, ib.) Since then, they seem to have been dissolved in kisses, for the author of the *Statyons of Rome* makes no mention of them in his long account of St. Peter's, that “fayre mynstr,” in which, he says—

“ Abouene þe grete as þ<sup>e</sup> shalt gone  
 Standeth a chapell hy'self alone,  
 In þe whych song Peter h<sup>e</sup> fyrt masse  
 As þe Romane sayn more & lasse.”

*Cott. MS., Calig., A. II, fo. 81.*

**PETER and PAUL, Apostles.**—June 29: G. 408; V. 427; T. 440; E. 454. The will of Henry III is dated on this day: “Die Martis proximo post festum Apostolorum Petri & Pauli, anno Gratiae millesimo ducentisimo quinquagesimo tercio” (*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. I, p. ult.). It is sometimes called St. Peter's day only: “On Monday following, being St. Peter's day, the 29th of June”—the Lord Sanquire was hanged at Westminster (*Cobbett's State Trials*, v. II, p. 754.) It is said to have been instituted in 505, “in imitation of the Heathens.”—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 15 b.

**PETER, with MARCELLINUS.**—June 2: G. 407; V. 427; T. 440; E. 454. The same, Nov. 27; G. 418.

**PETER in Gula Augusti.**—Aug. 1. See *Gula Augusti*.

**PETER of Exeter, feast of relics in the church of.**—May 26: E. 453.

**PETER.**—Nov. 25: G. 418. Others have, Nov. 26 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. X,

c. 100), a bishop of Alexandria, martyred in 811. There were very many saints and martyrs of this name; the principal were: 1. Peter, Andrew, and companions, 250, May 15; 2. Peter Balsam, Jan. 3; 3. the Exorcist, 304, June 2; 4. bishop of Sebaste, 380, Jan. 9; 5. P. Chrystologus, 450, Dec. 2 or 4; 6. abbot of Canterbury, drowned in 608, Jan. 6; 7. P. de Damian, cardinal bp., 1072, Feb. 23; 8. P. de Policastro, 1123, March 4; 9. abbot of Cluny, 1156, Dec. 25; 10. archbp. of Tarentaise or Montiers, 1174, May 8; 11. P. Gonzales, 1246, Apr. 15; 12. P. martyr, 1252, Apr. 29; 13. P. de Nolasco, 1258, Jan. 31; 14. P. Celestine, pope, 1294, May 19; 15. P. Paschal, 1300, Dec. 6; 16. P. of Luxemburg, cardinal, 1387, July 5; 17. P. of Pisa, 1435, June 1; 18. P. Regulati, 1456, May 18; 19. P. of Alcantara, 1562, Oct. 19.

**PETER** of Milan.—April 29. This blessed saint and martyr, the 12th in the preceding catalogue, deserves a separate notice, though, perhaps, not much more virtuous than the multitude of the same name and canonized dignity. He was also called Peter of Verona, and was of the order of preachers: his character is that of a man most thirsty of Christian blood—a preacher of the cross, and a most virulent, violent, and cruel inquisitor. When in 1252, he set out on a mission of bloodshed and butchery, he was fortunately slain by a nobleman between Milan and Como, on the 7th April; but because that day frequently falls in Easter, Innocent IV, who canonized him, ordained his festival to be celebrated on the third day before the kalends of May.—*Surius ap. Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 81.

**PETER & POWLE** day.—The apostles Peter and Paul, June 29. In the *Stacyonyss of Rome*:-

“On seynt Pet’ & Powle day  
þt mynster was halowed as I say.”

*Cott. MS., Cal. A. II., fo. 81 b.*

**Petite Carême** (la).—The feast of St. Martin. See *Advent*.

**Petits Rois** (les).—The 28 days from the Nativity to the octave of the Epiphany.

**PETROC, PETROCUS**.—June 4: V. 427; E. 454. Petrocious or Perrouse, an abbot, 6th cent.

**PETRONELLA, PETRONILLA**.—May 31: G. 406. She is fabled to be the daughter of St. Peter, and it is said that she was cured of a fever, at Rome, through the intercession of the disciples with her father. On this account she is invoked in fevers (*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 77 b). “11 kal. Jun. Natalis Sanctæ Petronillæ virginis” (*Kal. Arras*, 826). S’ca Petronellan τὸ δεῖπνον τὸ μετὰ πατέρων. heo pær r’ce Petronellæ bohteræ δαμα αποτολα al’þnej.—Feast of St. Petronella the Virgin. She was daughter of St. Peter, the chief of the apostles (*Menol. Sax.*) The festival occurs in Bede’s Martyrology, but, as remarked by Dr. Ingram, her name does not appear in our Latin historians. In the Chronicle, St. Petronella’s mass day appears as a date: “on r’ce Petronella maer’ þæg.—*Ann. 1070, or 1077*.

**Phagiphania**.—The Epiphany, because, on a doubtful authority, it is believed that it was on this day that our Lord fed the 5000 with five loaves and fishes.—*Hosp. de Fest. Christ.*, fo. 33 b.

Phamouth.—The eighth month of the Egyptians, March 27 : V. 424.

Phaphigania.—The Epiphany.

PHARAO.—Oct. 28. A bishop canonized in the 7th cent.—*Vincent, l. XXXIII, c. 19.*

PHELIF and JACOB Apostles.—May 1 : L. 465. See PHILIP and JAMES.

PHILIBERT.—Aug. 20 : G. 412; E. 456. An abbot of Rouen in the time of Chlodoveus in the 6th cent.—*Petr. de Natal., l. VII, c. 85.*

PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles.—May 1 : G. 405; V. 426; T. 439; E. 453.

"In ancient martyrologies," says L'Estrange, "this day is settled to be the feast of Philip and James and All Saints. All Saints was indeed its first and most genuine appellation, upon which account, as the Western church observed this very day, so also did the Eastern, or, at least, some other intemporality and point of time very near it. For St. Basil (*in Martyr.*) preaching upon this day, or the like day, saith: 'For the most part we celebrate the memory of the martyrs this day.' Now what this day was, at the end of this homily he is more explicit: 'This very day determines the year past and commences that which is to come,' evidently denoting new year's day. Now, the primitive Christians of the East began the year in April, which they called hecatombæon, in honour of their Easter, and so the distance of time cannot be much." Now, the year began in June, which was called hecatombæon, from Hecatomba, the surname of Juno, in whose festival, celebrated on our June 1, a hecatomb was offered; but the primitive Christians may have changed the order of the Attic months; yet neither this, nor the observation of St. Basil, proves that All Saints was ever celebrated on the 1st of May, particularly in the West. The 1st of May was probably consecrated at first to all holy apostles, as May 12 or 13 was to all martyrs, and afterwards the number of apostles reduced to the two, Philip and James. As to All Saints, it does not appear to have been known before the conversion of the Pantheon into a Christian church, when, we learn from Bede, All Saints (including martyrs) were celebrated on Nov. 1, that is before Gregory IV removed the festival appointed by Boniface IV in honour of Mary and the martyrs, from May to November 1. It is difficult to reconcile the accounts given by different authors of the exact time in which the distinct festivals commenced. The difficulty arises from the negligent use of the words *All Saints* and *All Martyrs*; the latter having a far more limited signification than the former, requires greater precision in speaking of its origin. Bede died in 734; he speaks of the consecration of the Pantheon to Mary and all Martyrs, and says, in the same sentence, that the whole people celebrated All Saints on Nov. 1 (See *Festivitas Omnium Sanctorum*). Now the festival to Mary and the Martyrs was celebrated in May, by the order of Boniface, in 607, and yet we are told that Gregory, in 835, removed this festival to Nov. 1, consecrating it to Mary, all Martyrs and Saints (See *All Hallowenmas*). Again, it is said that Mary and all Martyrs were celebrated Nov. 1, until 790, when Gregory Junior abolished it and established All Saints. This agrees with the latter part of Bede's account, which he must have written after 731, for he says nothing of the festival in May, though he mentions the consecration to Mary and All Martyrs (See *Festum B. Mariae et Omnium Martyrum*, p. 164). The festival of All Apostles appears to have been cele-

bated May 1, until John III, who sat from July, 560, to July, 573, completed the church of Philip and James, and it is supposed that from the consecration of this church arose this festival of Philip and James (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 276). This seems very probable; and, as May 1 was occupied with the Apostles when Boniface consecrated the Pantheon, he, no doubt, chose May 12 or 13 for the celebration of the festival which he instituted. Although there seems to be some difficulty respecting All Saints (May 12 or 13 and Nov. 1), there is none respecting the Apostles. May 1. See *Festum Apostolorum*.

**PHILIPPUS.**—Nov. 1. A bishop of Adrianople.—*Kal. Carthag. Mabill. Analect.*, p. 189.

**PHILIPPUS Day & JACOBUS Day.**—Philip and James, May 1. “Gode men & wommen suche a day ge schall haue a hege feste in holy chirche seynt Philippus day & seynt Jacobus day cristes holy apostolus. But for his day cometh wt me þe tyme of Astur seruise he schall not faste his evon.” (*Cott. MS. Claud. A. II*, fo. 61 b). This is the reason assigned by Canute for his exemption of this festival from his law respecting fasts. See *All Hallowenmas*, p. 12.

**PHYLLIPPIUS.**—July 15: G. 409—*Jul.*

**PIERE.**—Feb. 22: L. 462. Peter, otherwise St. Peter's Chair. See *Cathedra S. P.*

**PIERRE Angel Aoust, PIERRE Angoul Aoust.**—For *Pierre en Goul d'Août*. See *Gula Augusti*.

**PIERRE aux Liens.**—St. Peter in Bonds. See *Peter ad Vincula*.

**PIERRE en la Ferrure.**—St. Peter in Irons, the same. In Saxon: *S'ce Petriꝝ mæsse þe pippn* appears to be an adoption of this French name as supposed by Dr. Ingram; but, query, is it not an error of the Saxon copyist, and that we should read *þer iñnen* or *þar iñen*? In this case it will be the mass or feast of St. Peter's irons, nearly corresponding with *Festum S. Petri Vinculorum*.—See *Pol. Verg.*, l. VI, c. 8, p. 378.

**PIERRE es Liens.**—St. Peter in Bonds.

**Pinxesten.**—Pentecost, in a German diploma of 1358: “Disse bref is gheghenen na goddes bort Dryttein hundert iar in dem achtidien vnd vestig hesten, iare des neghesten sondaghes na Pinxesten” (*Baring. Clav. Dipl.*, l. XX, p. 541). Literally, “This writ is given after God's birth in the 13th century the 8 and 50th year, on Sunday next after Pentecost,” which the modern Germans term *Pfingsten*. Cluverius derives the latter from *Pinn*, i. e. from “Pennino Jove,” the Pennine Jupiter (*Antiq. Germ.*, l. I, c. 26). As to the language of the date, our own countryman spoke with equal familiarity of “the festis of the Nativite of Seynt John the Baptiste & the Nativite of our Lord God.”—*Rotuli Parliam.* (7 Hen. VII), t. VI, p. 453.

**Pisces.**—Feb. 15, the sun's entry into this sign: G. 399; V. 423; T. 436; E. 450.

**Piscium et Carnium Dies.**—Fish and Flesh Days. The latter were days on which flesh might be eaten, and the former days on which flesh was prohibited (See *Dies Carnium*). In the *Forme of Cury* there are several dishes for each day. Thus we have “Crustardes of Eerbis on Fyssh Day,” which consist of fish and oil baked in a crust of herbs, walnuts, and onions, mixed with water, and boiled with powdered saffron before enclosing the

fish. In lieu of fish, hard eggs are directed to be used. Then there are "Chewetes on Flesche Day," and "Chewetes on Fyssh Day." The first was minced pork and hens fried in a pan; then a "coffyn" was made for it as for a pye smale. Over the pork and hen were put hard yolks of eggs and powdered ginger. The pie being completed it was to be fried in grease or baked. The other consisted of turbot, haddock, codlin, and hake, ground, and seasoned with raisins, dates, salt, &c., with a similar coffyn, fried in oil, or stewed in ginger, sugar, or wine, or baked. The *Forme of Cury* was compiled by the master cooks of Richard II. There is also a sort of sweet-meat called "Payn Ragon," consisting of honey, sugar, and powdered ginger, which is to be served forth "w<sup>t</sup> fried mete on flesh dayes or on fysshe dayes."—p. 38.

Pitié.—See *Notre Dame de Pitié*.

PIUS.—July 11. Pope, martyred in 157 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 82; *Hospin. de Fest.*, 117 b). The latter says that his festival was instituted in the 11th century.—*Fo.* 16 b.

Plough Monday.—The first Monday after Twelfth Day; so called apparently because it was the first day after Christmas that the husbandmen resumed the plough.

" Plough Monday next, after that the twelfth tide is past,  
Bids out with the plough, the worst husband is last." *Tusser.*

Pœnalis Ebdomada, or Hebdomada. See *Hebdomada Pœnalis, Semaine Peneuse*.

POLICARNUS & THEODORUS.—Dec. 7: G. 419.

POLICARP.—Jan. 26: G. 398; E. 449. Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyred about 170. It is supposed, that from this martyrdom began to be revived the heathen custom of revering the memory of the dead (see *Natalitium*). He was a disciple of St. John the Evangelist, and suffered at the age of 86.—(*Pet. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 24).

POLICARP.—Oct. 27: G. 416:

Polls, hora dels.—The hour of fowls, or cock-crow, in Fr. records.

Populus Sion.—Introit, and name of the second Sunday of Advent. From *Ps. XXX*: "Populus Sion, ecce Dominus veniet."

Post Conquestum.—Words inserted in the king's title by Edward I, and constantly used in the time of Edward III. See *Apres la Conqueste*.

P. C.; Post Consulatum.—The abbreviation of the words used by the ancient pontiffs in expressing the reigns of the emperors, who began to adopt the custom themselves from the year 527.—*Mabillon. de Re Diplom.*, l. II, c. 25, n. 3; *Du Cange*, t. II, col. 1006 & 1011.

Post tres Septimanas.—After three weeks of any feast. It occurs in one of the *Paston Letters*: "Y<sup>e</sup> day of yo<sup>r</sup> Assi'e is die Lune p'x post tres septi'anas S'ti Mich'i's, whiche is on Moneday next come vij nyght;" and the letter is dated, "Saterday next after Seint Edward's day;" or Oct. 18, 1449.—*V. I*, p. 24. See *Dies Paschaæ in tres Septimanas*.

POTENTIANA.—May 19: V. 426; T. 439; E. 453. She is otherwise called Pudentiana, and was daughter of Pudens, a noble Roman, and sister of Praxedis. After burying many martyrs at Rome, she died on the 4th day before the kalends of June, in the time of Antonine, and was interred in the

cemetery of Priscilla.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 15; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 86.

**Praeconium Cerei.**—The proclamation of the wax taper. See *Benedictio Cerei*.

**PRÆJECTUS.**—Jan. 25: T. 435; E. 449. Projectus or Prix, bishop, 674. It is *Præjectus* in *Kal. Arr.* also.

**Presentatio Domini Christi.**—Our Lord's Presentation: Feb. 2. See *Hypapante*.

**Prævigilia.**—The vigils before the Nativity, Easter and Pentecost. It afterwards came to denote the day before these vigils.—*Hildebrand. de Dieb. Sanctis*.

**Praguerie.**—The revolt in the time of Charles VII.—See *Monstrelet*.

**PRAXEDIS.**—July 21: G. 410; V. 428; T. 441; E. 455. A virgin, sister of Potentians; suffered under Antoninus.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 24.

**Precaria.**—From *Preces*, prayers. To possess land *per precariam*, was not to possess as a proprietor, but as a tenant, on condition of restoring it or paying rent. *Precaria*, is the same as *Bederepe* in English, which was a day of customary work in harvest. Eustace, Prior of Merton, in a charter without date, says, “faciendo unam precariam in Autumpno ad eibum nostrum” (*Hearne, Not. ad Librum Nigr. Scacc.*, p. 620.) In some places, says Jacob, *Precariae* are called *Bind Days*.

**Prima.**—Prime; a canonical hour, about six o'clock in the morning, and so called because it was the first of the daily services.

**Prima Ascensio Domini in Celos.**—The first ascension of our Lord into heaven, May 5: T. 439. See *Ascensio Domini in Caelum*.

**Prima Dominica.**—Easter Day.—*Casal. de Vet. Sacr. Christ. Ritib.*, c. 62, p. 251.

**Prime.**—In English and French the same as prima, a canonical hour; as in an ordinance for the sale of victuals in London, 25 Edw. III: “et a ce apres heure de prime per sone a Saint Paul.”—*Rymer, Fœder.*, t. III, p. 234.

**Primitiæ, Festum Primitiarum.**—Aug. 1. The *primitiæ* were ecclesiastical dues or tributes. From this word proceeds the barbarous verb *primitiare*, to begin, i. e. *primitias dare* (*Du Cange*). *Primitiva* were new year's gifts: “quæ vulgares nova dona novi anni superstitione solent appellare” (*Matt. Paris, ad. an. 1249*); and, consequently, if found as a date not to be confounded with *Primitiæ* (*Du Cange*, t. V, col. 839.) Another name was *Benedictio Novorum Fructuum*.

**Primum Pascha.**—Easter Day.—*Casal. ut supra*.

**PRIMUS & FELICIANUS.**—June 9: V. 427; T. 440; E. 454. A letter of Albert, duke of Brunswick, on the disputes of the citizens of Bremen and London in 1276, is dated at “Verde in crastino Primi & Feliciani.”—*Rymer, Fœd.*, t. I, p. ii, p. 534.

**Printans.**—For *printemps*, Spring, in Fr. records.

**PRISCA.**—Sept. 1: G. 413. Priscus, a martyr in the first century, one of the 72 disciples, has this day (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 17), and *Prisca*, a virgin, martyred about 275, has Jan. 18.—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 36.b.

**PRIVATUS & ELEUTHERIUS.**—Oct. 8: G. 415.

**Prvicarnum Sacerdotum.**—Septuagesima Sunday, according to Belethus.  
See *Carniprivium*, or *Carnisprivium*.

**Processio in Cappis.**—A procession in capes or copes, May 1 & 3 (and elsewhere): V. 426. See *Festum in Cappis*.

**Processio Major.**—The Greater Litany, and *P. Minor*, the Less Litany. (See *Litanie Major*, &c.)

**Procession Week.**—The same as Rogation Week (see *Rogations*). The processions of popery vary in different countries, but all, more or less, exhibit the most unequivocal evidence of their origin in the grossest of pagan superstition. They all agree in minor, as well as in principal objects, such as adorning houses with flags and green boughs, strewing the streets with flowers, and conducting the chief priest, bearing the object of worship, which may be a piece of bread, an image, a box of rags or bones, or, perhaps, a miraculous picture, which is carried under a canopy. The banner, image or other idol, is carried first by the priest, in a white surplice, children follow in pairs, then the exorcist with holy water, the incense-bearer with his smoking censer, the cross-bearer, and a train of priests marching in pairs. The celebrant walks last of the procession, which is followed by the people. When the Pope,—the self-styled vicegerent of God on earth,—is found in the procession, the conformity of the show with that of Ceres or Isis is exact. In these mysteries, the chief priest in the procession called himself the Creator, and the bearer of the torch was the sun.

**PROCESSUS & MARTINIANUS.**—July 2: G. 409 (ubi "Marcianus atque *Processus*"): V. 428; E. 455. Martyrs at Rome under Nero, on the 6th day before the nones of July (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 40). In 1266, during the siege of Kelinworth Castle, the papal legate endeavoured to effect a peace between the king and his barons, circa f. S. Processi et Martiniani.—*Annal. de Waverl.*, p. 222.

**PROCOBUS.**—July 8: G. 409. This is *Procopius*, whose day in common calendars is July 3. He was of Cæsaria in Palestine, of ducal rank, under Dioclesian, and, vehemently opposing the worship of false gods, was put to death on the 8th day before the ides of July.—*Niceph.*, l. VII, c. 15; *Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 70; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 115 b.

**Protector noster, or Protector noster aspice Deus.**—Introit and name of the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

**PROCORUS.**—April 9.

**PROTHE.**—Sept. 11: L. 469. Protus, the fellow martyr of Hyacinthus, in 256 or 257.

**PROTUS & IACINTUS.**—Sept. 11: G. 413; V. 430; T. 443; E. 457. Martyrs at Rome about 256.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 62.

**PRUDENS & ERACLUS.**—Dec. 4: G. 419.

**Prymleint.**—Lent. *Cotgrave*.

**PUDENTIANA.**—See *POTENTIANA*.

**Puellarum Septem Pausatio.**—Martyrdom of Seven Girls: G. 403. See *Pausatio*.

**Pueri Tres.**—Jan. 24: G. 398. See *Babilla*.

**Puerpera.**—Dec. 25: G. 420. A name of the Nativity.

**Puerperium B. MARIE.**—Our Lady's Child-bearing, a name of the Nativity, which is celebrated in the Gr. ch. Dec. 26.

Puis le Conquest.—After the conquest, in our Fr. records. The words follow the title of Hen. VI, in the parliamentary rolls (*Rot. Parl., t. V, passim*). See *Post Conquestum*.

**Pullorum Cantus**.—*Gallicinium, Αλεκτρυοφωνία*. Cock-crowing, as a date of time, is found in the Gospel of *St. Matt.*, c. xxvii; and Du Cange, under these words, cites a great number of passages from the fathers, and writers of the middle ages, from which it appears that they computed time by the first, second and third crowing of cocks. Philip IV of Arragon, 1353, “Y commença la batalla vers hora de completa, et dura fins hora dels Polls” (*Chron., l. V, c. 1, ap. Du Cange, t. V, col. 971*). See *Hours Canonical; Cantus; Gallicantum Streptus; Cock Crow, &c.*

**Pulver Wednesday**.—Ash Wednesday. “Writtyn at Norwyche on pulver Wednesday,” 1453.—*Paston Letters, v. III, p. 190*.

**Punctum**.—A Point, is the fifth part of an hour, in John Brompton, but the fourth part, in Rabanus and others. The name is taken from the marks upon dials, of which the smaller subdivisions are called minutes. Among the Saxons, these points were called pricks: *peopen pñica ȝepynceð ane tib*—four pricks make an hour (*Brydferth, de Comput. Eccles.*) *Point* is used in the Computus of the Kalendar Tit. (*D. XXVII, fo. 25 b.*), for the quarter of an hour: *On anse æfen neahliche ne t'be beoð peopen punctar fiftene parter peopenrig momenta be rumpne manna tale*—In one equal hour there are four points, fifteen parts, and forty moments, according to some men's reckoning.

**Puryfyeacyon of oure Lady**.—The Purification, Feb. 2. Part of the ancient Sermon, “De Purificatione B. Mariae,” is worth transcription:—“Suche a day ge schul haue candelmasse day wherfore doth in þt euen as goure deuocion techuth gou for þt day holy chyrche maketh myche melody in worschep of oure lady þt of hure swete sone oure lorde ihu cryste, Spesyaliche in þre þyges. In oure lady p'yfyns, in Symones mety'g þt in candeles offry'g, þt day gode men ys kalled þt purfyfacyon of oure lady þt ys in englys þt clansyng of oure lady for no nede þt heo hadde þt to for heo was clensed so w' þt wyrchy'g of þt holy gost in þt co'sey'g of hure sone þt þt was laft in hure no mat' of syn 'e ne of no oþr fulþe, but for þt day was þt fortyþe day for' [from] þt burth of hure sone þt kalled in þt iewes lawe þt day of purgacyon not onlyche of our lady but for all oþr wyme' of þt lawe.” After an account of Simon's meeting, John Mirks proceeds—“Holy chyrche also maketh mynde þt day of candleles offryng. ge sene þt h'ys a comyn vse of al holy chyrche to come to chyrche þt day þt beren a candel in þt cessiony on as þagh þt wente bodily to chyrch w' oure lady þt after offredre w' hure in worschep þt heigh reuerence of hure. þt now hereth how þt worschep was furst fonde. ge schul here when þt roman<sup>9</sup> by gret cheualry conquered al þt world for þt haddon enor in here doyng þt ey rotton not þt god of heuen þt gaf ham þt en<sup>r</sup> but maydon hem dyu' goddes astur here owne lust þt so amo'ge oþr þt ey hadden a god þt ey kalled Mars þt wus byfor tyme a chyual<sup>9</sup> knyt þt an en'orus in batel. wherfor þt ey kallud hym god of batel. þt ey gerne to hym for to help þt for þt ey wold sped þt bettur. [*Here some words are omitted in the manuscript: the more modern Lansdowne MS. has—þt ey dyddon gret worship to his modur þt was called Februa, and astur þt wheche womon as many han opinyon þt mone þt now ys was called Fe-*

**bruary.** Wherfor þe forme day of þe mone þ<sup>t</sup> ys now candelmas day þe romans woldon gon a nyght abowte þe cyte of rome w<sup>t</sup> torches & blases & candeles brennyng in worschep of þe woman Februa hopyng for þ<sup>e</sup> worschep to haue þe saind<sup>o</sup> help of hure sone Mars in here doyng. þen was a pope þ<sup>t</sup> was called Sergius for he segh c'stene' drawen to þ<sup>e</sup> mawmentry he poight for to turne þ<sup>t</sup> foule costom in to goddes worchep & oure lady seynt Mare & com'endut þ<sup>t</sup> alle c'sten men and wymen to come þ<sup>t</sup> day to chyrche & vchon offren a candel brennyng in worschep of oure lady & hure swete sone" (*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II., fo. 33-4*). Compare with the quotation from the Lansdowne, *Candlemas*, p. 39.

**Pyritigium.**—For *Pyrotigium*; the same as *Ignitegium*, a fire-cover. It occurs in the Institutions of Gwarrinus, abbot of St. Albans: "Ipso die, ad completorium convenient, ibique loquantur quamdui hospitali visum fuerit, aut hora permisit non tamen ultra pyritegium hora loquendi proteletur."

—*Matt. Par. in Vitis*, p. 65.

**Quadragesima B. LUDOVICI.**—The quarantine of St. Louis, a space of forty days, so called from the ordinance of St. Louis, by which it was appointed.

**Quadragesima.**—The fortieth—day being understood. In low Latin, the fast of 40 days before Easter, instituted in imitation of Christ's fast, is commonly intended by this name; but there are two other fasts in the Latin church, which are each called *Quadragesima*, in consequence of which, that of Lent is sometimes distinguished by the addition of *Major*. The 40 days preceding the Nativity are called *Quadragesima S. Martini*, and the third quadragesimal fast was held during the 40 days which precede the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. In the Greek church, four quadragesimal fasts are observed: 1, before Easter, commencing on Monday of Sexagesima Week; 2, of the Apostles, beginning on Tuesday of Pentecost; 3, of the Assumption, beginning August 1, and the 4th, beginning the 40th day before the Nativity (see *Durand., Rat. Div. Off.*, l. I., c. 9, n. 8; l. VII., c. 14, n. 9; *Du Cange*, t. V., col. 1006). Pope Alexander III complains to Henry II of the Irish, that they feed upon flesh in Lent, pay neither tithes nor dues to the church, and bear very little reverence to churchmen: "Et omnes passim in Quadragesima vescuntur carnibus, nec solvunt decimas nec sacras Dei Ecclesiasticas, & personas Ecclesiasticas, prout debent, aliquatenus reverentur."—*Lid. Vigr. Scacarii*, p. 45.

Quadragesima, says Petrus de Natalibus, takes its commencement from the Sunday on which *Ineocavit me* is sung, and signifies a season of affliction. It is to be remarked, that Quadragesima is sometimes said to have 46 days, sometimes 42, sometimes 40, and sometimes only 36 days. It is said to have 46, computing from Ash Wednesday to Easter, all the days, including Sundays, although, on those Sundays, we do not abstain from flesh. The reason of this observance is, that according to theologians, the human body is formed in 40 days; but philosophers find more truly that it is formed in 45 days, and that the soul is infused into it on the 46th day. Quadragesima is reckoned 42 days, from the first Sunday on which Clean Lent begins, and counting from it all the days up to the Resurrection. It is reckoned 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, counting ordinary days and omitting

Sundays; and it has 36 days, counting ordinary days and omitting Sundays, from the 1st Sunday in Lent to Easter (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 17 : see *Lent*). The Quadragesimal terms in the Computus of the Kal. Titus, D. XXVII (fo. 11 b) are, when reduced to the modern method of naming the days of the month—Feb. 22, Feb. 11, March 2, Feb. 19, March 10, Feb. 27, Feb. 16, Mar. 7, Feb. 24, Feb. 13, Mar. 4, Feb. 20, Feb. 10, March 1, Feb. 18, Feb. 7, Feb. 26, Feb. 15, March 6.—And the rule for these terms is, to make the term where the moon is two days old after Feb. 7: “*De Quadragesima*.—Post. vii. id. Februar. ubi lunam. ii. inuenieris. Ibi fac terminum quadragesime” (fo. 19). To apply this rule to the year 1119, for instance:—The moon’s number, that is the golden number, is 18, in the lunar calendar opposite Feb. 16, which is below 7 id. Febr. Two days from that is Feb. 16, which, in fact, is the Quadragesimal Sunday.

*Quadragesimæ Initium*.—The beginning of Lent. See *Caput Jejunii*.

*Quadragesimæ prima, secunda, tertia, quarta Dominica*.—The first, second, third, fourth Sunday of Lent: “Gode men & women þis day is þe secunde Sunday in clene Lenton”—“þis day is þe þrydde Sonnynday of Lenton, wherfore we rede in þe gospel of þis day how oure lorde ihu c’ste caste oute a dome fende of a man, &c.” (see *Demon Mutus*). “As ge known wel þis day is þe furþe Sunday of Lenton, in þe whyche alle holy chyreh makuth mynde of an holy p’fytte þt was callud Moyses þe wych was a figure of our lorde ihu cryste many gerus or god was bornne of our lady.”—*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II, fo. 45 b., fo. 47*.

*Quadragesima Intrans*.—Shrove Tuesday. But in a charter of Cluny, *an. 1180*, it is used for the first Sunday in Lent.

*Quadragesima Major*.—Lent before Easter.

*Quadragesima S. MARTINI*.—Martinmas Lent (see *Quadragesima*). It is mentioned as early as 753, in a charter of Aistulf, king of the Longobards.—*Ughellin, tom. II, p. 109, ap. Du Cange*.

*Quadragesima Media*.—Midlent. See *Media Quadragesima*.

*Quadragesima Sunday*.—The first Sunday in Lent is so called, because it is about the 40th day before Easter. The rule in the *Portiforium Sarisburriense*, 1528, is, that the Sunday following the new moon after the festival of St. Agatha, Feb. 7, is Quadragesima Sunday.

*Quadragesime Sunday*.—The same in old English. See *Dominica Quadragesimæ*.

*Quadraginsima*.—Quadragesima, in the Gothic and ancient Gallic liturgies.—*Sacramentar. Gallic.*, p. 301-2.

*Quadraginta, Dominica Quadraginta*. The same as *Dominica Quinquagesimæ*, in *Pillet. Hist. Gerbor.*, l. V, c. 10, ap. *Du Cange*.

*Quadraginta Martyrum Passio*—March 10; but March 9 in G. 401. “Forty Martyrs” (*Laity’s Directory*). “40 Soldati” (*Corsa delle Stelle*, p. 35). Feoƿentig cæmpena ƿopung on Sebætia ƿæne ceartne. on Licinus t’idum ƿær cyninger (*Menol. Sax.*)—The passion of the 40 soldiers in the city of Sebaste, in the time of King Licinus. The proper title of the festival is, “Quadraginta Militum Martyrum” (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 185). “Quadraginta Martyrum” are 40 martyrs in the Dioclesian persecution, May 12.—*Ib.*, l. IV, c. 125.

**QUADRATUS.**—May 26. A disciple of the Apostles, and preacher at Athens.

*Hieron. Martyrol.*

**Quadro.**—See *Quartero*.

**Quadrimestris.**—A space of four months, i. e. Quadremensis.

**Quarame Prenant.**—Shrovetide, in our Fr. records; the *Caremprenium* of the Latinists, and the modern French *Carême prenant*. In a Norman Fr. poem, the assault of Massouras is dated—

“ A le quarame prenant de incarnacione

Mil et deus centz quarants noef aunz p'nune.”

*Excerpt. Historica*, p. 69.

**Quarantena.**—In military and monastic writers, denotes a space of 40 days.

In the convention between Henry I and Robert, earl of Flanders—“ Si comes Robertus de prædictis conventionibus exierit, et ipsi eum infra iii quarantenas reconciliare non potuerint Regi, quod unusquisque ex prædictis obsidibus dabit Regi C marcas argenti.—*Libr. Nig. Scacc.*, p. 14. See Vol. I, p. 323-4.

**Quaremele.**—Shrove Tuesday, in Lady Clark's will in 1355: “ Pur le seson quaremele.”—*Royal Wills*, p. 34.

**Quaresima.**—Lent.

**Quaresme.**—Lent.

**Quaresme demi.**—Midlent.

**Quaresmel.**—Shrove Tuesday.

**Quaresmentranum.**—Shrove Tuesday. See *Caresmentranum*.

**Quarterum Anni.**—The quarter.—*Matt. Westm., ad an. 1259*.

**Quartero.**—The quarter of a year. In a charter of an. 1373: “ Ad quatuor quaternos anni.” But more usually the word *terminus* was employed in the same sense; as “ Ad quatuor terminos anni.”

**Quasimodo.**—Introit (from 1 Petr. II, “ Quasi modo geniti infantes”) and name of the first Sunday after Easter, of which it is the octave, or our Low Sunday. It often occurs in dates: “ A. D. 1312. Die Lunæ Quasimodo” (*Chron. ap. D'Acher. Spicil.*, t. XI.) A German charter of 1462 is dated: “ Ame Mandage Quasi modo geniti;” and another, by Count Erich zu Holstein: “ Anno 1478, die vero Dominica qua cantatur Quasimodogeniti” (*Baring. Clav. Dipl. LXXI.*, p. 543.) This Sunday is also called *Dominica post Albas*, from the white robes which were anciently given to those who were baptized, and which they wore until Quasimodo.—*Menage*, p. 605.

**Quater Temper.**—In a MS. homily, entitled “ Jejunium Quatuor Temporum,” written about the reign of Edward IV, this term is explained: “ The Quater Temper shalle be this weke callede the Ymber dayes, Wednesday, Fryday and Saturday; whiche dayes Kalixte the pope of Rome ordeynde by a generall Councelle, to be fastede four tymes” (*Harl. MS.*, 2247, fo. 191.) Atto, in his *Capitulare*, c. 87, quotes from the first epistle of Calixtus the passage to which the homily alludes; it is to the effect, that the fast formerly celebrated thrice a year, is now more conveniently observed four times in the year, for, as the year revolves in four seasons, so we solemnize a quarterly fast through the four seasons.—*D'Acher. Spicil.*, t. I, p. 44, Ed. Fol. See *Ember Days*, *Embring Days*.

**Quatretans, Quatretems.**—In our Fr. records the same as *Quater Temper*, the fasts of the four seasons. Under *Quatre Tems*, Moreri says: “They are fasts in the four seasons of the year during three days in the week in each season, namely Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Some have attributed the institution of at least three fasts a year to the Apostles, others to Pope Calixtus; but this opinion is founded on the false decretal of Calixtus. It is certain that the fast of Quatre Tems was established in the Roman church from the time of St. Leo, who clearly distinguishes in his sermons the fasts of the four seasons of the year in which there was a fast of three days; that of Spring in Lent, that of Summer before Pentecost, that of Autumn in the seventh month, and that of Winter in the tenth month. The observance of the fast of Quatre Tems passed from the church of Rome to the other Western churches, but the time and days have not been always uniform. The spring fast was observed in the first week of March, that of Summer the second week of June, that of Autumn the third week of September & that of winter the fourth week of December. But Gregory VII, towards the end of the 11th century, ordained that the March fast should be observed in the first week of Lent; that of June, in the octaves of Pentecost; those of September and December remaining as before. It seems that in the 7th century, when St. Isidore lived, the Spanish church knew only two of the Quatre Tems, that of Pentecost and that of September. The council of Mayence assembled by Charlemagne in 813, speaks of Quatre Tems as a new establishment made in France in imitation of the Roman church (*Dict. Hist.*, t. VII, Q. p. 94.) That Gregory gave them stations in the kalendars and rendered them uniform cannot be disputed; but it is certain from the verses of Bede (See *Angarieæ*,) that they were observed, in England at least, at the same time in the 8th century as at present.

**Quatuor Coronatorum Martyrum Passio.**—The passion of the four crowned martyrs. Nov. 8: V. 432; T. 445; E. 459. “The passion of the martyrs, who are named in writings *Quattuor Coronatores*, that is, the four crowned men, whose names were Claudius, Castorius, Simforianus, and Nicostratus, who were .*rran cnæfrigan* (either *artists in stone*, jewellers, or sculptors) in Rome” (*Menol. Sax.*) Their names are very different in Petrus de Natalibus: Severus, Severianus, Carpophorus and Victorinus, who suffered at Rome under Dioclesian, and whose memory was ordered to be honoured by Melchiades.—*Cat. Sanct.*, l. X, c. 37.)

**Quatuor Tempora.**—The same as *Quater Temper*, *Quatre Tems*, *Embring Days*, *Jejunia Legitima*, &c. By the laws of William the Conqueror, cap. II, *de Temporibus et Diebus Pacis D. Regis*, the Quatuor Tempora, were within the king’s peace and vacation days in the courts (*Hoveden*, p. 601.) The testimonial of William Bp. of Coventry and Lichfield is dated, “Die Sabbati Quatuor Temporum prima septimana quadragesimæ, viz. tercio die mensis Marci, A.D. 1435” (*Madox, Formular. Angliae*. XXXII, p. 17.) “....Hoc anno, 25 die Septembbris, viz. in Sabbato 4<sup>or</sup> temporum littera dominicalis....” (*Wilh. Wyrcest.*, p. 520.) Here have perished in the MS. both the year and the dominical letter. The matter to which the passage refers is utterly unimportant, but these dates are easily supplied. As the year previously named (*Wyrcester’s Annales*) is 1491, we may conclude that the

event recorded fell within the succeeding decennary. It is necessary for this purpose to find the year in which the 25th of September fell on Saturday, which can only be the year which has F for its dominical letter. By the table of Dominical Letters that year was 1493, and also the year 1499. The former is the probable year, because other matters are related in the interval. The Germans have formed a word, "Die Quatembre," similar to the English Quater Temper, and both are evidently taken immediately from the Latin.

**QUINCTIN.**—Oct. 31 : V. 431. See **QUINTIN.**

**Quindana.**—See *Quindena*.

**Quindecia.**—A space of fifteen days, in a charter of an. 1221.

**Quindecennium.**—A space of fifteen years.

**Quindena, Quindenna.**—A space of fifteen days, and the 15th day; called *Quinzisme* in the English of the 15th century (See *Quinzisme of Easter*.) *Quindena Pascha*, according to the French Chronologists, comprises the week before and the week after Easter; but we find the second Sunday after Easter called the *Quindena Pascha* (See *Ego sum Pastor bonus* and *Hock Day*.) *Quindena Pentecostes* begins with Wednesday, and *Dominica in Quindena Pentecostes* is the second Sunday after Whitsunday. There are also *Quindena Nativitatis, Purificationis, S. Johannis Baptiste, S. Michaelis*, which commence with the festival. In proof of this explanation, Pierre de Vaucernal dates the council of Montpellier from *Quindena Nativitatis*, and the Acts of that assembly from vi Id. Jan. or the 8th of January (*L'Art de vérifier les Dates*.) In a close writ to the sheriff of Warwick, 1452, there is a direction: "Quod sint coram nobis a die Sancte Trinitatis in xv diebus;" and the return to that writ was: "Ad quam quindenam Sancte Trinitatis" (*Rotuli Parliam.* (10 Hen. VI,) t. IV, p. 411.) Sir Robert Cotton uses the term "Quindena of Easter," in speaking of the parliament of 2 Richard II (*Abridgm. of Records*, p. 167.) The preamble to *St. 12 Car. II, cap. 3*, explains this and other terms: "Whereas the four first returns of Easter Term in the year 1660, of late called *from Easter Day in 15 days; from Easter Day in 3 weeks; from Easter Day in one month, and from Easter Day in five weeks.*"

**Quindezisme.**—The same in old English records as *Quinszisme*: "The other fyne was levied in the quindezisme of Seynt John Baptist, the XXXI yere of Kyng Henry the Sixt."—*Rotul. Parl.* (12 & 13 Edw. VI,) t. VI, p. 44.

**Quindzisme.**—The same in old English records as *Quinezisme*.—*Rotul. Parl.* t. V, p. 513.

**Quinquagesima.**—The Sunday of this name is so called, because it is about the 50th day before Easter. It is otherwise called *Carnisprivium Sacerdotum*. *Quinquagesima* is sometimes taken for the Easter period, which consists of 50 days from Easter to Whitsuntide—St. Ambrose (*Serm. 61*) employs it to denote the latter. "The Lord hath so disposed it," he says, "that as we lament his passion in the fasts of Quadragesima or Lent, so we rejoice in the days of Quinquagesima at his Resurrection" (*Spelm. Gloss.*, p. 476). From this double application, arises the term *Quinquagesima Paschalis*, as a distinction from the *Quinquagesima* preceding Lent. *Quinquagesima*, says Petrus de Natalibus, denotes a time of remission, and begins on the Sunday

on which "Esto mihi in deum" is sung, and terminates on the very day of Easter.—*Catal. Sanct.*, l. III, c. 87.

The Septuagesimal Terms are, according to the Computus of the MS. Titus, D., XXVII—Feb. 1, Jan. 21, Feb. 9, Jan. 29, Jan. 18, Feb. 6, Jan. 26, Feb. 14, Feb. 3, Jan. 23, Feb. 11, Jan. 31, Jan. 20, Feb. 8, Jan. 28, Jan. 17, Feb. 5, Jan. 25, Feb. 13 (*Fo. 11 b.*) And the following is the rule respecting these terms:—Wherever the moon is ten days old after the 17th of January, place the term of Septuagesima: "Die Septuagesima—Post .xvi. kl. Febr. ubi lunam .x. inueniris. Ibi fac terminum septuagesime" (*Fo. 13*). For instance; to find Septuagesima for 1202 by this rule, look in the table for the golden number—it is VI; then the dominical letter is F. By the Lunar Kalendar, the new moon of the 6th year of the cycle VI, rises on Jan. 28; ten days from that is Feb. 7, and three days farther the letter F. February 10 is Septuagesima for that year.

**Quinquagesima**, Sonday in.—In old English. See *Dominica Quinquagesimaæ*. **Quinqueaginsima**.—Pentecost, in the ancient Gallie liturgy.—*Sacramentar. Gallicum*, p. 337.

**Quinquendialis**.—*Adj.* of five days.

**Quinquenna Paschæ**.—The same as *Quindena Paschæ*, the Easter fortnight.

**Quinque Panes**.—See *Dominica de quinque Panibus*, &c.

**Quinquinocium**.—A space of five nights.

**Quinszeine**.—The same as *Quinzime*, in our Fr. records: "Quinszeine de Saint Michel."—*Rot. 1 Rie. II.*

**Quinszisme**.—The same as *Quinzisme*. "Bytwix this and the Quinszisme of Saint Michel next"—*Rot. Parl. (11 Hen. V.) t. IV, p. 420.*

**Quintaine**, Quintana, Quintants.—Quinquagesima Week. In a Computus of an. 1202—"Rabellus pro xxx canibus et j garcione a die Sabbati post quintanam usque ad diem Martinis post Pascha Floridum, de xxxii diebus, iii Lib." (*Du Cange*). Here Quintana is the week of Quadragesima, and Saturday after the Quintana is the first Saturday of Quadragesima, from which to Tuesday after Palm Sunday are thirty-two days. It is the date of a letter of credence to Hen. III, from Geoffrey de Lezignan: "Dat. die Jovis post quintanam apud Bellum Montem super Oyse, anno Gratiae 1261" (*Rymer, Fœder.*, t. I, p. 410). Quintaine occurs in a charter of an. 1328. The more modern French term, Quintans, is applied to the first Sunday, and it is probable, connecting this application with the quotations, that Quintana is but another name of Quadragesima. See *Dominica de Quintana*.

**Quintans**.—See *Quintaine*.

**QUINTIN**.—Oct. 31 : T. 444; E. 458. A Roman martyr about 287.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. X, c. 196.

**Quintus**.—Oct 29 : G. 416.

**Quinzame**.—The same as *Quinszaine*, in the 4th article of peace between Louis IX and Henry III, an. 1259: "A la quinzame de la Chandelur," which is rendered in the Latin copy, "In quindena Candelosse" (*Rymer, Fœd.*, t. I, p. 389).

**Quinzame of Easter**.—*Quindena Pasche*, the Easter fortnight. Quinzime of St. John Baptist is the translation of *Quindena S. Joh. Bapt.*, in the statute **VOL. II.**

*Quia Emptores*, 18 Edw. I. In a parliamentary roll of 4 Edw. VI—"That a writte of proclamation be made & directed to the shirrefs of the cite of London, commaunding theym to make open proclamation within the same city IIII severall dayes togider afore the Quinzisme of Ester next ensuyng the forseid XXI day of Januar." (*Rotuli Parliam.*, t. V, p. 512). Quinzisme was used of the other festivals ; as in 23 Hen. VI—" Be an other statute made atte Westm' in the quinzisme of saint Michell the yere of the regne of kyng Richardde the sec'de first (*Ib.*, p. 108). "Atte xv<sup>me</sup> of Seynt Hillary next comyng" (*Ib.*, t. VI, p. 37). One of the latest uses of this term, in an historical work at least, is found in an account of the proceedings for treason against Edmund Dudley, who "was arraigned at Guild Hall in London upon Monday next after the xv<sup>me</sup> of St. John Baptist, 1 Henry VIII, 1510" (*Dugdale, Baronage*, v. II, p. 218). See *Quindena*.

QUIRIAK.—*Quiricus*. See CYRIAC.

QUIRINUS.—June 4. A bishop in Siscia, or Scesia, in Panonia, drowned in the time of Dioclesian & Maximin.—*Prudent. in Hymn.*; *Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 85; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 112 b.

Quo'resme demi.—In our Fr. records, the same as *quaresme demi*, i. e. Mid-lent.

Quotdiebus.—Every day.

Quotmensibus.—Every month.

Ramalia.—The imitation of the Pagan Oschophoria, on Palm Sunday, and so a name of the day itself.

Rameux.—The same.

Rami.—*Branches*. Palm Sunday, in a charter of Sancho of Navarre, in 1125: "Venant ad ramos."—*Du Cange*.

Rami Palmarum.—Palm Sunday, in a letter of Phil. le Bel, in 1288: "Die Sabati ante Ramos Palmarum" (*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. I, p. 681). The following date in the *Gesta* of Guillaume le Maire, bishop of Angers, is inaccurate, whether he began his years at the Nativity, Annunciation, or Easter : Anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo, die Mercurii post Ramos Palmarum, videlicet, tercia decima die exeunte Aprilis" (*Gesta Guliel. Major*, c. IX, p. 166; *D'Achery, Spicil.*) Wednesday after Palm Sunday, in 1200, was April 5 ; and in 1199, which is the year, in our computation of the year from January, Palm Sunday was April 11, and the Wednesday after it was the 14th. The editor of the manuscript has probably mistaken a contraction of *Martis* for *Mercurii*. In all the French provinces that belonged to the English, the year began at Christmas, and consequently, it was in advance of the present computation. The "die exeunte Aprilis" in this date, if the rule found by Mabillon be of any value, does not affect the date of the day. See *Dies Exeuns*; *Mensis Intrans*.

Reddite quæ sunt Cæsaris Cæsari.—The twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost is so called, by the contemporary historians who record the battle of Weissenberg near Prague, fought Nov. 8, 1620 [N. S.]; "Dominica," say they, "in qua cantatur Evangelium Reddite," &c.—*Vérit. des Dates*.

Refreshment Sunday.—Midlent Sunday. See *Dominica Refectionis*.

Regalia. The festival of the Three Kings.

Regalis Dies.—The royal day is Easter Sunday. *Dies Regalis* in Ignatius.—*Casal. Vet. Rit. Christ.*, p. 251.

Regina Mundi.—The queen of the world, a title of Juno conferred on the Virgin. Henrizky found the following invocation in mass of St. Mary of Mount Carmel:

“Regina Mundi, dignissima Maria.”

*De Sacrificio pro Invocat. Sanctorum,*  
c. 7, p. 219, 4to, Rostock, 1697.

See other Pagan titles in *Festivitas Dominicæ Matris*.

Regnante Christo.—While Christ is reigning, i. e. in the reign of Christ (See Vol. I, p. 42, n. 11.) The date of the Concil. Bracarens II, held in 572 by St. Martin, archbishop of Brague, is “Regnante Domino Jesu Christo, currente era DCX,” that is the era of Spain. This council is the first in which the formula “Regnante Christo” was employed, though it had been used long before in other acts.—*Verif. des Dates*, t. II, p. 4.

Regnante Trinitate.—In the reign of the Trinity. This is the date of the idolatrous synod of Rome II, which, in 768 or 769, decreed that relics and images ought to be worshipped according to ancient tradition, and which condemned the Greek council of 754 against images: “Regnante una et eadem Trinitate.”—*Verif. des Dates*, ib. p. 31.

Regulares.—Regulars. There are two sorts of regulars, solar and lunar. The first are an invariable number attached to each month, as in the following table:—

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.
2	5	5	1	3	6
July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	4	7	2	5	7

Regulars are used with concurrents to find on what day of the week the first of each month will fall (See *Concurrentium Locus, Dominical Letters*, p. 90.) For this purpose the regulars of the month must be added to the concurrents of the year. This sum is a third, which, if it do not exceed 7, marks the day required; if above 7, subtract 7, and the remainder marks the day on which the first of each month of the year in question falls. For example, the year 78 reckons 3 concurrents, add to them the regular of January, which is 2, the total is 5, and the first of January was the fifth day, or Thursday. In February are 5 regulars, add them to the 3 concurrents, it makes 8, subtract 7, 1 remains. Thence the 1st of February was the first day of the week, or Sunday, and so on through all the months. To know if the calculation be correct, find the Dominical Letter D, then look where D falls in the table (p. 91,) where D falls in the column *D 3 E D*. In fact, it is not possible to be wrong in common years, nor even in Leap Years, provided we subtract the four concurrents in January and February, because these years change at Feb. 25. If, then, in a Leap Year, we count two concurrents, we must count only one to find the first

of January or February, and 3 to find the initial day of the following months.

Lunar regulars are also an invariable number, attached to each month in the year. Added to the epacts, they show what was the first day of the moon the first of each month. As all the ancient computists did not agree on the commencement of the lunar year, they did not agree on the number of lunar regulars for each month. Those who began the lunar year with January or March, attached as many lunar regulars to each month as the moon had days, the first of each month of the first year of the cycle of 19 years. In this year the 1st of January was the 9th of the moon, since the new moon fell on the preceding Dec. 24, and since, from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1, inclusive, there are nine days. According to this rule, applied to each month of the first year of the cycle of 19 years, the following table shows how the computists, who began the year Jan. 1 or March 1, attached lunar concurrents to each month of any year:—

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.
9	10	9	10	11	12
July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oet.	Nov.	Dec.
13.	14.	16.	16.	18.	18.

To know the day of the moon Jan. 1 of the second year of the cycle of 19 years, add the epact, which is XI, to the 9 regulars of this month. The sum is 20, then Jan. 1 of the second year was the twentieth of the moon. We must except the years 8, 11 and 19 which were embolismal or of 13 lunar months, in which the regulars and epacts added together do not exactly mark the day of the moon on the first of each month, because the order of the *lunæ plenæ* of 30 days, and the *lunæ cæsæ* of 29 days, was deranged by the intercalary month. The ancient computists supplied the defect of the regulars by the knowledge they had of the irregularity of these years and the manner of reckoning the moons on this occasion.

Other computists who began the lunar year at September with the Egyptians, and four months before the Julian year, gave 5 lunar regulars to the months of September and October, and 7 to November and December. For the other months, they agreed with those who began the lunar year with January or March. The cause of this difference arises thus:—they are not the same months of September, October, November, and December with both. These four months, according to those who began the year with September, belonged to one year, and the same months, according to those who began the lunar year with January or March, belonged to another year, which is the following. To reconcile them, we must add the epact XI, which those count who began the lunar year with the Julian, and which was not reckoned by those who began their lunar year four months before. Eleven and five are 16, these are the regulars of September and October; 7 and 11 are 18, the regulars of November and December.

It will not, perhaps, be wrong to illustrate a little table of regulars in Du Cange, which is prepared according to those who began the year in September with the Egyptians. In this table there is a column of ciphers marked

thus : **LXXX**, **LXXIX**, epact each month, repeated six alternate times, and it is not at first easily seen what they signify, because they are badly printed. They should be thus : **L.XXX**, **LXXIX**. L is *Luna*, the moon, and the ciphers are the days except in the embolismal years.

The annual regulars of the moon serve with the concurrents to mark what day of the week the first of the paschal moon fell. The regulars and concurrents of a year are added together; if they do not exceed 7 we preserve them entire, and the day following was the first of the paschal moon. If above 7, 7 is subtracted and the number remaining indicates that the next day was the first of the paschal moon. For example, in the year 874, which was the first of the cycle of 19 years, there are counted 4 concurrents and 5 regulars, making 9 when added together. Subtracting 7, there remain 2 for the second day, or Monday; then the first day of the paschal moon was Tuesday. On reference to the lunar kalender it will be found that the first of the paschal moon was March 23, the dominical letter C.

A second example of the use of annual regulars—take 875, the second year of the cycle of 19 years; in that there are one regular and five concurrents, that is 6, for Friday; therefore, the first of the paschal moon in 875 was Saturday. (See *Verif. des Dates*, t. I, p. 70-74.)

The following tables and rule are transcribed from a computus in a Normanno-Saxon MS. of the age of William I. (*Cott. MS. Tiberius, A V, fo. 1 b.*) The solar year in the first table begins at March. The B', in the table of concurrents, denotes a bissextile year (see an example of its employment in dates, *supra*, p. 186); and the lunar year begins at January:

#### REGULARES FERIARUM SECUNDUM ROMANOS.

Martius V.	Julius I.	November V.
Aprelis I.	Agustus IIII.	December VII.
Maias III.	September VII.	Ianuarius II.
Ivnius VI.	October II.	Februarius V.

#### CONCURRENTES.

B'.I.	B'.VI.	B'.III.	B'.II.	B'.VII.	B'.V.	B'.III.
II.	VII.	V.	III.	I.	VI.	III.
III.	I.	VI.	III.	II.	VII.	V.
III.	IL	VII.	V.	III.	I.	VI.

#### REGULARES LUNARES.

Ian. VIII.	Mai. XI.	Sept. XVI.
Feb. X.	Jun. XII.	Octob. XVI.
Mart. VIII.	Jul. XIII.	Nov. XVIII.
Apr. X.	Agust. XIII.	Dec. XVIII.

Coniunge regulares singulorum ménsum & epactas anni eiusque & si triginta fuerit ipsa est aetas lune super kl'. Si amplius triginta tolle triginta & quot remanent ipsa est aetas Lunae.

Du Cange transcribed the tables to which the French Chronologists refer, and from which they have removed a difficulty considerable to persons unaccustomed to MSS. or to this sort of computation, from an ancient MS. in the monastery of St. Victor. As they are curious, and the second exhibits the regulars of those who began their lunar year at September, they are transcribed.—*Glossar.*, t. V, col. 1280.

## REGULARES AD FERIAM KALENDARIAM INVENIENDAM.

- Martius .... V .. Dies XXXI .... Martius in quinque.  
 Aprilis .... I .. Dies XXX .... Dux est Aprilis in asse.  
 Maius .... III .. Dies XXXI .... Maius tres rapuit.  
 Junius .... VI .. Dies XXX .... Junius sex modo redemit.  
 Julius .... I .. Dies XXXI .... Julius in asse labat.  
 Augustus .. II .. Dies XXXI .... Augustus quatuor extat.  
 September .. VII .. Dies XXX .... September septem capit.  
 October .... II .. Dies XXXI .... Octoberque gemelle.  
 November .. V .. Dies XXX .... Quinque November habet.  
 December .. VII .. Dies XXXI .... Septem December adauget.  
 Januarius .. III .. Dies XXXI .... Janus tres rapuit.  
 Februarius .. VI .. Dies XXVIII.... Februus sex modo recepit..

## REGULARES AD LUNAM KALENDARIAM INVENIENDAM.

- September .. V .. L. XXX .... September quinis.  
 October .... V .. L. XXVIII .... October consocialis.  
 November .. VII .. L. XXX .... Inde November habet septen.  
 December .. VII .. L. XXVIII .... Septemque December.  
 Januarius .. VIII .. L. XXX .... Janus cum ternis ludit.  
 Februarius .. X .. L. XXVIII .... Februusque decenni.  
 Martius .... VIII .. L. XXX .... Marsque novem pugnat.  
 Aprilis..... X .. L. XXVIII .... Denis Aprilis abundat.  
 Maius ..... XI .. L. XXX .... Maius in undenis.  
 Junius..... XII .. L. XXVIII .... Et Junius in duodenis.  
 Julius ..... XIII .. L. XXX .... Julius in tredecim.  
 Augustus ... XIV .. L. XXVIII .... Pith' Augustus et assim.

**Regum trium Festum.**—The festival of the three kings. Feb. 2. In 1162 the bodies of the three wise men in *Matt.* ii. were translated to Cologne; hence they have since been called the three kings of that city.—*Bucher*.

**Reik.**—In our French records, the time of making or stacking hay: “Devant le temps de vendenge ou de reik” (27 *Edw.* III, st. 1, c. 7). It is formed from the Saxon *hƿeac*, a rick or stack.

**Relevatio S. STEPHANI.**—The same as the Invention of St. Stephen, Aug. 3. In some instances, *Relevatio* is used for *Translatio*. If spoken of the Virgin Mary, it must mean the Purification, Feb. 2, *relevata* being, in the mid-

dle ages, applied to women purified after child-birth. Under this notion, the Purification has been called the *Resurrection of St. Mary*.

Relec Sonday.—Relic Sunday.—*Paston Letters*, v. IV, p. 26.

Relic Sunday.—The first Sunday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, July 7; but Mr. (now Sir H.) Nicholas says that "Relic Sunday is the third Sunday after Midsummer Day. Tables of reigns, and the calendar, shew on what day of the week Midsummer Day fell in any specified year, and when it occurred on Sunday.

Relic Sunday fell on July 15  
— Monday — July 16," &c.

*Notitia Historica*, p. 78.

The Papists say that altars are the sepulchres of relics. After the apostolical age, the bodies of martyrs were reverently treated by the first Christians, but not otherwise than by giving them an honourable interment (see the epistle on the martyrs of Gaul, about 180, in Eusebius, l. V, c. 1). Origens says we have learned to honor the rational soul, and to commit its organs to honorable sepulture (*Contra Celsum*, l. VIII.) Augustine teaches that the bodies of the just are honoured by interment (*De Civit. Dei*, l. I, c. 13). In time, religious meetings began to be held at the sepulchres of martyrs, particularly on the day of their passion. The custom of interring them, even at the peril of life, continued more than three centuries. Under Constantine the Great first began the exhumation and translation of relics from obscure sepulchres, and the emperor himself was the zealous author of the rite, not with a view that they should be set on altars and high places for idolatrous worship, but merely to be recommitted to the earth (*Anastas. Chron.*; *Cedren. Annal.*; *Niceph.*, l. VII, c. 30); and Jerome relates that he translated the relics of the apostles Thomas, Luke and Timothy, to Constantinople. Soon afterwards, others began to contest with him, and introduced splendid pomps and most magnificent decorations (*Ruffin.*, l. I, c. 35; *Socrat.*, l. III, c. 18). The rite observed in the Western church is described by Ambrose of Milan, about 397 (*Epist. ad Sororem*). They transferred the relic to some church, where they kept watch until it was buried. After all, it was a genuine Pagan rite. Plutarch mentions that Antigonus translated the ashes of his father Demetrius from Syria into Greece. The bones of Theseus, after a lapse of four hundred years, were translated with great pomp by Cymon into Athens, and there are many other instances on record. The Pagan rites being received into the now corrupt Christianity, with additions, a persuasion entered people's minds, that martyrs and other saints of the country, city, and place, where the bodies or reliques were deposited, were the guardians of such places. This superstition was followed by placing them in altars, and worshipping them. Many of these places received the name of the guardian saint or martyr who was the object of popular adoration. All this is described by Virgil as accurately as if he had lived in Papal Rome. Aeneas promises the shade of Palinurus the entire process of translation of his bones, miracles, and annual worship by the people:—

“ Desine fata Deūm flecti sperare precando,  
 Sed cape dicta memor, duri solatia casus.  
 Nam tua finitimi, longe lateque per urbes  
 Prodigis acti coelestibus, ossa piabunt,  
 Et statuant tumulum, et tumulo solemnia mittent.”

L. VI, v. 376.

“ Desist to hope that fates will heare thy prayer ;  
 But take this comfort to appease thy care.  
 The neighbouring cities shall thy bones interre,  
 And mov'd by omens, build thy sepulchre ;  
 Then to thy tombe pay yearely rites, & shall  
 The place for ever Palinurus call.”

Ogilby.

Sepulchres, and pictures of martyrs and saints, began to be worshipped in the 4th century : “ Novi multos esse sepulchrorum & picturarum adoratores.”—(*Augustin. de Morib. Eccles. Cathol.*, p. 34.)

Then arose the custom of bearing relics about in procession, that they might be held in greater adoration. Lucius is said to have instituted the circumgestation of St. Stephen’s relics. Gregory the Great sent relics of martyrs and apostles by St. Augustine to convert the Saxons (*Aelfric, Homily on St. Gregory, in Langley’s Principia Saxonica*, p. 29). Stephen II bore relics about, under the notion of purifying profane places. This practice is also Pagan. Plutarch tells that skeletons, in boxes, were borne in the solemn processions of the Egyptian worshippers of Isis and Osiris (*De Isid. et Osir.*, c. 17). Then miracles first began to be wrought at sepulchres. Long before this, Vigilantius, according to Jerome, maintained “ that the honors paid to the rotten bones and dust of the saints and martyrs, by adoring, kissing, wrapping them in silk and vessels of gold, lodging them in churches, and lighting up wax candles before them, after the manner of the Heathens, were indubitable ensigns of idolatry” (*Hieron., Oper.*, t. VII, p. ii, p. 278). Bale says that the adoration of relics, which had been introduced three centuries before, was unknown to the English until 950, when they began to dig up the carcases of the dead, wrap them in wax cloths, and place them in gold and silver boxes (*Cent.* II, c. 32). And very soon afterwards, a great rivalry arose among religious houses for the possession of relics. If one house had a relic that brought more lucre to the community than the relic of another, the latter piously stole the popular favourite. “ In the reign of Edgar, a shameful description of robbery had obtained among ecclesiastical bodies : the stealing of relics upon a pretended divine revelation. In those days, it was no uncommon practice for powerful abbeys to despoil the weaker monasteries, or to rob defenceless villages of their sainted remains, in order to increase the celebrity of their own foundation” (*Monast. Anglic.*, t. III, p. 461). The same pious motive introduced the practice of forging relics, and the synod of Exeter, in 1287, by cap. 48, prohibited the sale or worship of any relics that had not been previously authenticated and sanctioned at Roma (*Spelm. Concil.*, t. II, p. 386). Dr. Middleton says that “ the Popish writers are forced to allow that many, both of their relics

and miracles, have been forged by the craft of their priests, for the sake of money and lucre. Durant, a zealous defender of their ceremonies, gives several instances of the former—particularly of the bones of a common thief, which had been for some time honored with an altar, and worshipped under the title of St. Martinus: altare quod in honorem martyri exstructum fuerat cum ossa et reliquias cuiusdam latronis esse deprehendisset, submoveri jussit (*De Rit.*, l. I, c. 25) And for the latter, Lyra, in his comment on Bel and the Dragon, observes that sometimes also in the church, very great cheats are put on the people by false miracles, continued or countenanced at least by their priests, for some gain and temporal advantage. Aliquando fit in ecclesia maxima deceptio populi in miraculis fictis a sacerdotibus, vel eis ad haec reatus propter lucrum temporale, &c.—*Nic. Lyra in Dan.*, c. 14 (*Letter from Rome*). The existence of this scandalous practice is of high antiquity, and rests upon authority unquestionable by a papist: the Council of Saragossa, under Gregory the Great, in 592, by can. 2, resolved that relics have been fabricated in divers places, they shall be brought by the priests in whose churches they are found, and, being presented to the pope, shall be tested by fire. And it is related that some monks brought from Jerusalem a piece of the cloth with which Jesus wiped the feet of his disciples—it was put into the fire, and became glowing red with heat. On removing it from the fire, it recovered its pristine colour.—*Leo. Marsican. Chron. Casinens.* l. II, c. 33; *Mabillon, Vet. Anal.*, p. 568; *Hospin. de Orig. Temporum*, p. 109-10-11, &c.; *Pol. Verg.*, &c.

**Reliquiae S. MICHAELIS.**—Oct. 18.

**Reliquiarum Festum, or Festum Reliquiarum.**—The Feast of Relics, when general, is the same as Relic Sunday. See *Septimana Reliquiarum*.

**Reliquiarum Ecclesie B. PETRI Exon.**, Festum.—The Feast of Relics at St. Peter's of Exeter, May 22 : E. 453.

**Relyk Sonday.**—“Wretyn at London on relyk sonday.”—*Paston Letters*, v. IV, p. 22, p. 44.

**REMIGIUS.**—Oct. 1 : G. 415 ; V. 431 ; T. 444 ; E. 458. A bishop of Rheims about 490.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IX, c. 9.

**Reminiscere.**—Introit from Ps. 94, and name of the second Sunday in Lent. “Feria tertia post Reminiscere.”—*Bed., Oper.*, t. VII, p. 334.

**Renvoissons.**—Rogations (*Du Cange, Suppl.*, t. III, col. 6). See *Rouaisouns, Rouisons*.

**Repausatio.**—See *Pausatio, Dormitio*, &c. The verb occurs Oct. 5, G. 415.

**Reprus, or Repus.**—Sunday of Passion Week has this addition in French. See *Dimanche Reprus*.

**Requies Dominici Corporis.**—The Repose of our Lord's Body—the Sabbath. *Du Cange*, t. VI, col. 6.

**Requies Solis.**—Sunset, in the statutes of Gildas, c. 44.

**Resaille Mois.**—June and July, Norm. Fr.

**Rescours.**—See *Soleil rescours*.

**Respectus.**—A respite of time. “Dum respectum et dilationem caperet.”—*Matt. Par.*, an. 1236, p. 296.

**Respic, domine.**—Introit and name of the 13th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Respic in me.**—Introit of the third Sunday after Pentecost.

**Resurrectio CHRISTI.**—March 27 : G. 402 ; T. 437 ; D. 451.

**Resurrectio Domini prima.**—March 27: E. 451. “ vi kal. April. Resurrectio Domini” (*Kal. Arr.*, 826), On þone ðeag ðriht of ðeade aƿar.—On this day our lord rose from the dead (*Menol. Sax.*, Mar. 27). *Resurrectio Domini* is also Easter day, as “ Prior de Monte Sancti Michaelis queritur in periculo mortis, de regis ballivis anno Domini 1274 die Lunæ post Resurrectionem Domini.”—*Rymer, Flæder.*, t. I., p. ii, p. 510), and “ Die Jovis post Resurrectionem”—*Letter of Philip of France, in D'Achery (Spicil.*, t. X, p. 343). See *Resurrection*.

**Resurrectio B. MARIE.**—The Purification, in a charter of 1218. See *Relevatio S. STEPHANI*.

**Resurrection de nostre Seignur.**—Resurrection of our Lord, March 27 : L. 463.

**Resurrection.**—*Dominica* and *Dies Resurrectionis* are usually Easter Sunday, though anciently any Sunday in the year. The will of Thomas, earl of Kent, is dated—“ In the day of the Resurrection of our lord J'hu Christ, the yer of hym a thousand thre hundred fourscore and seuentene.”—*Nichols, Royal Wills*, p. 118.

**Return Days.**—See *Crastino S. VINCENTES*.

**Relevatio B. LAZARI.**—Du Cange is of opinion that this should be read *Relevatio B. Lazari*. The translation of St. Lazarus, Sept. 1.—*Gloss.*, t. V, col. 1413.

**Revelatio Pueri IESU ex Egypto.**—The day after the Epiphany.—*Hieron. Martyrol.*; *Petr. de Natal.*, l. II, c. 51.

**Revita.**—An anniversary day, on which the service for the dead is read for some defunct benefactor.

**Rex Dierum.**—The King of Days, is Easter Day.—*Casal. de Vet. Rit. Christ.*, p. 240.

**Rex Dierum Dominicorum.**—The King of Sundays, is Trinity Sunday.

**Rhedmonat.**—The lunar month of March, from the goddess Rheda, to whom the Saxons sacrificed in this month, as they did in April to Eoster, who gives her name to Easter. “ Rhedmonat a dea illorum Rheda, cui in illo sacrificabant, nominatur.”—*Bed. de Rat. Temp.*, c. 18, *Oper.*, t. I.

**RICHARD of Cirencester.**—April 3 : Richard of Wicke died 1253 ; and in a letter to Henry III, “ Dat. apud Viterb., die Lunæ post Purificationem,” 1262, it is stated that the pope has commanded the feast of St. Richard of Cirencester to be celebrated on “ III non. April,” on the eve of St. Ambrose, the day on which he died.—*Rymer, Flæder.*, t. I., p. 416.

**RICHARIUS.**—April 3. He was canonized in the 7th century.—*Vincent.*, l. XXXIII, c. 97.

**St. ROCHE's Day, St. ROQUE or ROCKE.**—August 16, according to the Life of St. Roche in the Golden Legend, which ends thus—The feest of Saynte Rocke is alwaye holden on the morowe after the daye of the assumpcion of our lady, whiche life is translated out of latyn into englishe by me, Wyllyam Caxton.”

**Rock Day, Rock Monday.**—Distaff's Day, Monday after Twelfth Night.

**Rode Day.**—Rood Day. In the old English homily, of which the following is the exordium, the people are distinctly told that they are to come to church for the purpose of worshipping the cross. “ *De Sancta Cruce.*—Goode men & women, suche a day ge schalle haue þ<sup>e</sup> holi rode day the which day ge schalle come to churche & worship the holi crosse þ<sup>e</sup> Christe

dyed vpon to bygge monkend. þen schalle ge knowe welle þat holi rode day æftur Estur is called the fyndyng of the crosse, for that day holi church makyth minde how Sent Elyn fownde the crosse. But this day is called the exaltation of the crosse or ellis þe lyftynge vpp of þe crosse. For æftur that sent Elyn had sett the crosse in þe tempull of Jerusalem criston men dydron hit grett worship & honur but æftur that worship was caste downe by a cursed kynge as ge schalle heyre that com into þe tempull of Jerusalem þere as þe crosse stode rychely arrayed & toke þe crosse forth w<sup>t</sup> hym & so when þe crosse was gown þe worship þere of cesed & dyed. þis kynge was of Pers & was called Cosdras, &c."—*Lansdowne MS.*, 392, fo. 84.

Rogations.—First of the Rogations, April 26, D. 452; last term of Rogations, May 23, D. 453; last of the Rogations, May 30, E. 453. These expressions, at first glance, do not seem to correspond. The 1st of the Rogations, April 26, is the first day on which Rogation Sunday can fall, which is when Easter Day is March 22. The last of the Rogations, May 30, is perfectly right as understood of Rogation Sundays. But the last of the Rogations, May 23, is not reconcilable with the order of the moveable feasts. In the Computus of the Kalendar *Titus* (D. XXVII, fo. 12), the terms of Rogations are as follows:—May 10, April 29, May 18, May 7, Apr. 26, May 15, May 4, May 23, May 12, May 1, May 20, May 9, Apr. 28, May 17, May 6, Apr. 25, May 14, May 3, May 22. Here we have May 22 instead of May 23, or May 30. This is almost as inexplicable as that of May 23; for when Easter falls, in its extreme limit, on April 25, Rogation Sunday falls on May 30. The rule in this Computus is, to make the term of Rogation where the moon is 20 days old after April 25: "De Rogatione.—Post .vii. kl. Mai ubi lunam .xx. inuenieris ibi fac terminum Rogationum." In 1136, for instance, the xvith year of the cycle of 19 years, Easter Day was March 22; Apr. 6 was the first of the moon of this 16th year, and twenty days from that is Apr. 26, which was Rogation Sunday for the year 1136.

The Rogations are public processions, during the three days that precede Ascension Day, in the fifth week after Easter. Of Rogation Week Cowel says, "that it is a time so called, because of the special devotion of prayer and fasting, then enjoined by the church for a free preparation to the joyful remembrance of Christ's Ascension;" and an ancient MS. homily on the three Rogation Days has this explanatory exordium: "Worshipfulle frenedis, it is commaundede by the commendable custome and constitucion of Holy Chirche, that every mane & womane that is at lawfull age shuld faste Monday, Tewesday & Wednesday, and go in procession; for thei be called Rogacion dayes of prayer.—*De Tribus Diebus Rogacionum*" (Harl. MS., 2247, fo. 105 b.) Moreri says—St. Mammertus, bishop of Vienne, in Dauphiné, established these prayers in his diocese in 474, in order, it is said, to cause the earthquake to cease, & to deliver the people from a multitude of wolves which desolated the country, & even entered the towns, where they devoured all they met. The fast and prayers which caused this scourge to cease, were continued as a preventive in future. At last the Council of Orleans, in 511 (*can. 3*), ordained the Rogations to be held throughout France. This usage passed into Spain towards the commencement of the 7th century, and even sooner; but the three days were Thursday, Friday and Saturday, after Pentecost. They were received later in the churches of Italy. Char-

lemagne and Charles the Bald made laws for the observation of the Rogations and forbade labour on these days, which was long observed in the Gallican church. These processions were called Little Litany and Gallic Litany, to distinguish them from the Great, or Roman Litany, instituted by Gregory the Great in 590, on the day of St. Mark. They are called *Little*, because a bishop was the author, while a pope was the author of the *Great* (*Dict. Histor.*, t. VII, R, p. 162). According to Anastasius, says Mabillon, Leo III (795) appointed the three days before the Ascension to be celebrated (*Not. ad Sacramentar. Gallic.*, p. 334). In the acts of the Council of Cloveshou, in 737, can. 16, the Rogations appear to be confounded with the Great Litany. All the people and clergy (they say) are to observe the Litanies, i. e. Rogations, with great reverence, on the 7th day before the kalends of May, according to the ritual of the Roman church, which calls them *Litania Major*, the Great Litany. The day here indicated is St. Mark's Day, April 25. Afterwards, the Council mentions the three days before the Ascension, and censures the licentiousness attending these processions. We learn, however, that the Rogations were known to the English church before the year 747 (*Spelm. Concil.*, t. I, p. 249). In the Laws of Athelstan, in 928, they are called days of purifications, or Gang Dayes (*Ib.*, p. 405); and the *Gang Days*, as well as the Rogations, are no other than the Pagan *Ambarvalia* under a new name. Polydore Vergil, from Tertullian (*Lib. ad Uxorem*), allows that processions of this kind had been known among the Christians from the earliest period, and intimates that they had been merely renewed by Mammertus, after an interval of intermission (*De Invent.*, l. VI, c. 11, p. 391). See *Gang Days*; *Litania*; *Processions*, &c.

**ROGATION.**—See **DONATIAN** & **ROGATION**.

**ROLAND.**—June 16. This hero of the romance of chivalry, and the equally veracious legends of the Romish church, was the nephew of Charlemagne.—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 113.

**ROMAIN**, Archbishop.—Oct. 23 : L. 470. See **ROMANUS**.

**Roman Computation.**—See *Computatio Romana*. The method of counting days of the month in the order of their occurrence, as the 1st, 2nd, 3rd of a month, instead of counting them as so many days before a succeeding day, in the same or the following month, was pointed out by Bede in his *Ephemerides*; but it is seldom found among the earlier writers. An instance occurs in the Saxon Chronicle, in mentioning the death of Bishop Aldulf, “on the 10th day of June, 729.”

**ROMANUS.**—March 31 : G. 402.

**ROMANUS.**—Aug. 9 : E. 456. A Roman knight, martyred under Decius.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 40 ; *Vincent.*, l. XIII, c. 17 ; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 127.

**ROMANUS.**—Oct. 23 : V. 431 ; E. 458. Archbishop of Rouen about 699. He was of royal descent, and, according to the legend, delivered the city from a dragon that devoured both men and beasts. The feat was performed thus : the bishop, on Ascension Day, took a person condemned of theft and murder out of the prison, signed him with the cross, and commanded him to fetch the monster. The murderer obeyed, and the dragon followed him into the city, and went into a fire, where it was burnt. Dagobert, to commemorate the event, gave the church a power to set any criminal at liberty on

every Ascension Day, which was observed in Morerl's time with great ceremony. A procession was made, and a resting-place prepared at the old tower, where the prisoner took up the shrine of St. Romanus, or Romaine, which he and a priest carried to the church of Notre Dame. After confession and sacrament, he was set at liberty. The dragon of St. Romanus, like the dragons of many other saints, by whom they were overcome under the same or similar circumstances, have been demonstrated to be emblems of the ravages produced by rivers overflowing their banks (see vol. I, p. 53). M. Eusebe Salverte says St. Romaine, in 620 or 628, delivered the city of Rouen from a monstrous dragon. This miracle (it is said in a Dissertation on the miracle of St. Romaine and the Gargouille) is only the emblem of another miracle of the same saint, who caused the Seine to re-enter its bed, when, having broken its banks, it was about to inundate the city. The popular name of this fabulous serpent, *Gargouille* (a water-spout), is itself a proof: *Gargouille* comes from *gurges*, &c. In support of his opinion, the author cites a strophe of a hymn by Sautenil:

“ Tangit exundans aqua civitatem ;  
Voce Romanus jubet efficaci ;  
Audiunt fluctus, docilisque cedit  
Unda jubenti.”

He might have cited, adds Salverte, a greater number of traditions in support of his system.

**Rood Day.**—Otherwise Holy Rood Day. Sometimes it is the Invention, and sometimes the Exaltation of the Cross, May 3 and Sept. 14 (see *Exaltatio S. Crucis; Inventio S. Crucis*). In some English charters, when the date is Rood Day, it is accompanied by an addition which prevents mistake ; thus, “ this bill entended witnesseth on Holy Rode Day in May, the eleventh yere of the regne of King Henry the viij<sup>th</sup>,” &c. (*Dr. Whitaker, Hist. Richm.*, v. II, p. 245). The Rood, or rather Rode, in some cases signified the image of Christ upon the cross ; and Robert of Brunne implies a distinction, in naming together “ the croice and the rode.” See *Cross Days; Crouchmas; Rudmas*.

**Roque's Day.**—The day of St. Roche, Aug. 16. See *ROYQUE's Day*.

**Rorate Celi.**—Introit, from *Ps. 8*, of the 4th Sunday of Advent, which was formerly called *Memento mei*.

**Rosa Aurea.**—The golden rose, which the pope consecrates on Midlent Sunday, gives this name to the day.

**Rosæ Dominicae.**—Our Lord's roses, or Dominical roses ; Midlent Sunday, and also Sunday in the octave of the Ascension. It seems more properly to denote the latter day, on which a miraculous shower of roses fell from the roof of St. Maria Rotunda. See *Dominica de Rosis; Rose Sunday*.

**Rosalia.**—Pentecost.

**Rosata Dominica.**—Midlent Sunday.

**Rosata Pascha.**—Pentecost.

**Rosary of our Lady.**—First Sunday in October. See *Festum Rosarii*.

**Rose Sunday.**—Midlent Sunday and Sunday in the octave of the Ascension both claim this name, which is mentioned by Shepherd, on *Common Prayer*, who says that the pope exhibits the rose on his way to and from mass. In

Latin there is this difference, that one Sunday (*Dominica de Rosa*) is the Sunday of the Rose, and the other (*Dom. de Rosis*) is the Sunday of Roses. The terms have no doubt been distinct, but the distinction has long been neglected or lost. On reference to the two articles *Domin. de Rosa* and *Domin. de Rosis*, it will be seen that two ancient writers on the Roman ceremonies have mentioned them : Amelius speaks of *Rosa* as the name of Midlent Sunday, and Benedict, of St. Peters, who is known to have lived before 1143, names the Sunday in the octaves of the Ascension, *Rosæ*. But, then, this canon calls the same day *Rosa*. Did Amelius live before the year 43 in the 12th century ? If he did not, the consecration of the golden rose on Midlent Sunday may be considered as more ancient than the commemoration of the miraculous shower. Hildebrand states that Innocent III began the custom of consecrating a rose on Midlent Sunday in 1130 (*De Diebus Sanctis*, p. 59). It was Innocent II who assumed the pontificate in this year. Some ascribe the origin of the ceremony to Urban V. Others say the French chronologists, attribute the consecration of the golden rose to Innocent IV, (from 1243 to 1247), but Calmet proves that it was Leo IX, in 1048 (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 284). On the whole, it seems probable that Rose Sunday, as applied to Midlent Sunday, is the more ancient appellation. Cardinal Caletan, or Gaietan, before 1294, calls this Sunday, and relates the following marvellous event ; he says : That on this day the pope bore on horseback a golden rose to the station of the cross, where on alighting he gave it to the mayor of the city, "præfector urbis," who held his stirrups, both on mounting and descending. He further says : That while the pope was confined by sickness to his chamber, a rose was miraculously (?) sent on this day into the great chapel ("hæc die rosa fuit missa in Magna Capella") when the cardinals were all present at sermon. They deposited it upon the altar, and after the sermon, the choristers carried it to the pope, who presented it to the chamber (*Ordinarium, sect. lxxxi, apud Mabillon, Ordo Roman., xiv; Mus. Ital., t. II, p. 354.*) At the commencement of the Reformation, Leo X sent a consecrated rose, by his legate, Charles à Miltitz, to Frederick elector of Saxony, in order to induce him to withdraw from Luther (*Hildebrand. ib.*) This golden rose is, after all, nothing more than a palpable imitation of Virgil's golden branch, which was sacred to Proserpine, the queen of hell, with many of whose attributes, as well as titles, the Romanists have invested their Lady Mary. In the Æneid, the sybil instructs the son of Anchises to pluck the golden branch as a present to Proserpine, to whom it is precious :

" Hoc sibi pulchra suum Proserpine munus  
Instituit."

*Aen. VI, v. 142.*

In the Icelandic Edda, Virgil's miraculous tree becomes the *Ygdrasils Asketree*, under which, sacred to Hela, the goddess of the infernal regions, Odin, the sun, dispenses justice among the souls of the dead (See vol. I, p. 273.) Hela is the northern Proserpine, Hecate, and Iris, and the Asketree, literally Ash tree, is the *rhamnus* or mountain ash, which was sacred to Proserpine. Moreover, Virgil tells us that the golden tree, by the influence of which souls were admitted to Elysium, was sacred to the infernal Juno :

" Junoni infernæ dictus sacer."

V. 138.

The identity of these trees is, therefore, indisputable, and it would be strange if so remarkable and wonderful an attribute of mythology should have escaped the notice of the pretended successor of St. Peter, the porter of heaven's gate. Accordingly it has not, but it enacts a prominent part in the mythology of modern Rome. The ash tree of Hela and Odin, the rhamnus of Hecate, and the gold branch of Juno, are all the astrological symbol of the sun's entrance into the summer signs of the zodiac. The Germans call Midlent Sunday *Rosentag*. Hospinian gives a full description of the ceremonies used in consecrating the astronomical emblem which furnishes these names.—*De Fest., fo. 50 b, et seqq.*

**Roude Day.**—Rood Day. The cellaress of the convent of Barking was to “purvey for the sayd lades of the covent—ther fourtnyght butter every Trinite Sunday unto Holy Roude Daye.”—*Monast. Anglic.*, t. I, p. 444.

**Roueisons.**—Rogations, or the Less Litany. See *Litania Minor*.

“ þe feste of þe Roueisons þe lasse Letanie is,  
For alone man hit fond, & in lasse stede iwis.”

*Harl. MS. 2277, fo. 35 b.*

Because man alone founded it, says this poet, it is the less Litany. This was instituted by a bishop; the great Litany by something more than man—the pope.

**Rouesons, Rouisons.**—The same:

“ Letani is a song as ge mowbe ougte ise.  
To bidde ech halwe eft oþr our help for to be.  
As me deþ a sent Markes dai. a lite bifor þe masse.  
Now is þt dowble Letani. þe more þ ek þe lasse.  
þe more is a sent Markes dai. when þe ban's bet out ido.  
Wit p'cession bifore þe masse. þ isonge þe letani also.  
þ pan fasteþ cristeme'. ac for sent Markes sone uout.  
Ac for þe litany þ ban's þr beþ þanc out i brought.  
þ nouit as seþ mony fol. þt sent Mark f'ward is.  
To faste is dai þ nouit is eue. for þt iseþ amis.  
Subþe þe lasse letani. þe Gang dawes iclepeþ biþ.  
Whan me aboute þe felpes. goe wt ban's as ge iseþ  
þre dawes fasteþ ek. þt me clepeþ þe Rouisons.  
Ac þe oþr is ce more iclepeþ. for þre encheson,” &c.

*Cott. MS., Jul. D., IX, fo. 61 b.*

**Rovesouns.**—The same in Norm. Fr.

**Rouvison, Rouvisons, Rouvoisons.**—The same (*Du Cange, Suppl., t. III, col. 638.*) All these names, French and English, may be resolved into one, Rovisons, which apparently comes from *rubigo*, in the Pagan *Festum Rubiginis* or *Robigalia*, celebrated about the middle of Spring.

**Royques Day.**—This is the same as St. Roche's Day, August 16. There is an entry among the extracts from the churchwardens' accounts of St. Michael Spurriergate, York, printed by Mr. Nichols, thus: “1518. Paid for writing of Saint Royque Masse 0<sup>l</sup> 0<sup>s</sup> 9<sup>d</sup>.”

**Rozatum Pascha.**—Pentecost.

**Rudmas Day.**—“From the Saxon *Rode* and *Mass-deg*, that is, the Feast of

the Holy Cross, and there were two of these feasts ; one on the 3rd of May, the Invention of the Cross, and the other, the 14th Sept., called Holy Rood Day, and is the Exaltation of the Cross" (*Jacob*). The rood was distinct from the cross ; it was the crucifix or image upon it : that of Boxley, in Kent, was so contrived that it would bow, lift itself up, shake and stir its head, hands, and feet, roll its eyes, move its lips, and bend its brows. It was broken at St. Paul's Cross, where the people were shown the springs by which the motion was effected. See other instances of priestly fraud of this kind under *Festum Passionis Dominicæ Imaginis*.

**RUFFIN.**—July 24. A martyr.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. ii, p. 38.

**RUFINUS.**—April 19 : G. 403. Rufinus or Rufus was a martyr with Hermogenes and others in Armenia.—*Petr. de Natal.* l. XI, c. ult. n. 125.

**RUPUS,** Passion of.—Aug. 27 : G. 412. A martyr at Capua.—*Petr. de Nat.*, l. VII, c. 119.

**RUMONUS.**—Aug. 30 : E. 456. About 960.

**RUMWOLD,** Confessor.—Nov. 23 : E. 459. Another, July 1.—*Brit. Sancta*, p. ii, p. 2. The latter is more properly named Rumbald. The former was the founder of the Camaldunenses, but Rumbald was a far more extraordinary personage, and might be placed on the same page as the literary prodigy in Tristram Shandy, who composed a work on the day of his birth. The saint lived only three days, during which he found time to work miracles, and make a will, bequeathing his body to be kept one year at King's Sutton, where he was born of St. Kineburga, the daughter of Penda, king of Mercia ; two years at Brackley, and then to be finally translated to Buckingham.

**RUSTICUS.**—July 19 : G. 410. He is here joined with Arsenius, an abbot, who died July 19 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 98,) but Rusticus, a subdeacon, died July 17.—*Ib.*, l. VII, c. 71.

**SABASTIAN.**—Jan. 20 : G. 398 ; for *Sebastian*.

**Sabbathum, Sabbath.**—This word, which peculiarly denotes the Jewish Sabbath on Saturday, was improperly as affectedly applied to Sunday by fanatics as early as the reign of Queen Elizabeth. John Field, in his *Declaration of Judgment at Paris Garden*, says, that in 1583, "the magistrates of the city of London obtained from Queene Elizabeth that all heathenish playes and enterludes should be banished upon Sabbath Dayes." It appears from this pamphlet, that a prodigious concourse of people were assembled at this garden to see plays and a bear-baiting, on Sunday, Jan. 13, 1583, when the whole theatre fell to the ground, by which accident many of the spectators were killed (*Warton, Hist. Engl. Poetry*, v. III, p. 288 n.) This affected title which might be regarded merely as silly, were it not attended with a desire to prepare the public mind for a Judaical observance of Sunday, was not confined to the vulgar herd of saints. On the defeat of the Spanish Armada, a proclamation for a general thanksgiving, signed by Henry, earl of Derby, was issued, and required it "to be putt in execucion att or before the next Sabothe" (*Baines, Hist. Lanc.*, v. I, p. 559.) Hume has noticed the attempt of the fanatics to pass an act of parliament for changing the name of Sunday to the Sabbath, which the good sense of the lords rejected.

Among the charges against Archbishop Laud, it was urged that he had expunged some things out of Dr. Sibthorpe's sermon, "as first, the Sabbath, and put instead of it the Lord's Day."—"What's my offence?" exclaimed the indignant prelate, "*Sabbath* is the Jews' word, and the *Lord's Day* the Christians."—*State Trials*, v. I, p. 906.

**Sabbatical Cycle.**—A system of seven Lunar-Solar years continually recurring.

**Sabbatical Year.**—A Jubilean year, of which the first was 1451 before Christ.—See *Strauch. Brev. Chron.*, b. II, ch. III, sect. 7.

**Sabbatum.**—The Sabbath, Saturday in dates; but it sometimes signifies the whole week, whence we have: *Una* or *Prima Sabbati*, for the 1st day, Sunday, and *Secunda Sabbati*, for Monday, and so on. In the Domesday survey, it is used for the peace: "Postquam Willelmus rex advenit et sedebat in Sabbato, et Will. Mallet fecit suum castellum" (*Spelman, Gloss.*, p. 496.) In the *Hist. de Languedoc* there is a charter dated on this day, which has been employed to show the manner of determining vague dates: "Facta sunt autem haec V kal. Jan. die Sabbati, luna xxvii, regnante Philippo Francorum rege." The dates are vague, to determine them—This is Philip I, who reigned from 1060 to 1108. Among these dates we find Dec. 28, and that it was the 27th of the moon. To be so, it is necessary that the first of the moon should be Dec. 2. Then take the golden numbers of all the years of Philip's reign, and examine if there be several of these years in which the first of the moon falls on Dec. 2. There are three, 1065, 1084, and 1103. The charter was certainly granted in one of these years; but in which? The date says Saturday, Dec. 28; to be so, the Dominical letter must be F. On trying by the table, p. 90, we shall find that F belongs to 1084. Another is dated, "xxxi kal. Aug. die Sabbati, luna xx, regnante Carolo, Salomonе in Britannia." By these two reigns, we see that the charter was granted about 860 or 870; on July 29, the moon was 20; the new moon must have fallen on July 10. Then, by the table of golden numbers, p. 187, from 846 to 888, there is only 864 on which the new moon of July falls on the 10th. And this agrees with the day, Saturday. Another example: "Die Sabbati, ii non. Martii, luna xii, anno sexto Salomonis in Britannia." Solomon of Bretagne began to reign in 857, because all the dates belong to 863.—*L'Art de vérifier les Dates*, t. I, p. 93–100.

**Sabbatum Acathisti, Sabbatum τον Ακαθιστον.**—Among the Greeks, Saturday of the fifth week in Lent. This day was held as a festival at Constantinople in memory of the miraculous deliverance of that city by the interposition of the Virgin, when it was besieged in 626. On this day they sang a hymn in honour of the Virgin, called *Acathistos*, because they performed it standing.

**Sabbatum de Gaudete.**—The third Saturday in Advent, so called by Cardinal Cencio de Sabellis, about 1194.—*Rom. Ord.*, s. I, n. 3.

**Sabbatum in Albis.**—Saturday in Easter week; because, on this day, those who were baptized in *Sabbato Sancto*, put off the white garments which they wore on taking baptism. "Die Sabbati illius, quod est finis Septuagesimæ, diciturque Sabbatum in Albis" (*Vita S. Petri Mart.*, n. 38, ap. *Du Cange*, t. V, col. 222.) It is also, among us, called *Lawson Eve*. On this day the amulet called *Agnus Dei* is made. These charms are consecrated, and virtues

are ascribed to them in blasphemy of the Omnipotent ; they are then placed in their cases and distributed the next day to the wretched votaries of a grovelling superstition (*Cæremon. Rom.*, l. II, s. 2.) They are made of the wax of the paschal taper, and having the impression of a lamb are hung round the necks of the recently baptised. Walafrid, the abbot, censures this consecration as a Jewish ceremony.—*De Div. Off.*, c. 9; *Hospit. de Fest.*, fo. 77 b. See *Dominica post Albas*.

Sabbatum in duodecim Lectionibus. Saturday in twelve Lessons, is Saturday in each of the Ember weeks, and so called from the twelve readers of the six lessons, read in Greek and Latin on this day.

Sabbatum infra Albas.—The same as S. in Albus.—*Ordo Rom.*

Sabbatum Ignavum.—The lazy Saturday, from the attempt of the monks and priests to include a great part of that day in the Sunday, insisting upon abstinence from labour of all kinds until day-break on Monday. See the "Narration" in *Schere þursday and Sunday*.

Sabbatum in Traditione Symboli.—Saturday of the delivery of the Apostles' creed, was that preceding Palm Sunday.

Sabbatum Luminum.—Saturday of the Lights. Holy Saturday, before Easter Sunday. It is also called—

Sabbatum Magnum.—The Great Saturday. In the ancient church, in honor of our Lord buried, and resting in his sepulchre, all things were quiet and tranquil till night, when they began the service of the vigil of Easter, which they prolonged to the 2nd hour of the night. Among the ancients, this *pervigilium* was called the Μέγαλη Διανυκτερευσις, *pernoctatio magna*, or the great nocturnal watch. Gregory of Nyssa says that, during the whole night, sermons, hymns and canticles, sounded in the ears, like a flood of joy rushing through them into the soul, while so many lamps were burning that it was as bright as the clearest day (*Orat. 4 in Pascha*). Eusebius relates that Constantine the Great changed the night before Easter into day-light (*Vit. Const.*, l. IV, c. 22). The reasons, says Isidore of Spain, are two ; because on this night the crucified Saviour, that light which illuminates the world, rose again from his tomb ; secondly, it is an ancient tradition by Jerome (*Comm. in Matt.*, c. 25), that our Lord, on the same hour of the night on which he arose, will come to the judgment. All this is sheer superstition : the primitive Christians did not celebrate this day with vigils and hymns. In the Synod of Auxerre, about 586, by c. 2 it is commanded, that the vigils shall not commence before the second hour of the night on this Saturday. In progress of time, numerous superstitions of a puerile and frivolous nature usurped the primitive rites. All the old fire in the church is extinguished—a new one lighted with flint and steel, unless chemical matches have been adopted as still newer, and then consecrated : from this fire they take a brand or live coal, and bear it about the house, thinking thus to protect themselves from fires, thunder and tempests, throughout the year, besides expelling devils, ghosts, and other unwelcome visitors (see the same sort of superstition under *Benedictio Candelarum*). The pope consecrates the great paschal taper, in which there are numerous cavities containing incense. This taper is lighted in the new fire in honor of Christ's resurrection (see the origin of this in the vestal's fire, under *Benedictio Cerei*, p. 30). It is worthy to be known, says Coelius Rhodiginus, and agreeable to our religion,

that the fire is annually renewed in the temple of Vesta (*Antiquit. Rom.*, l. VIII, c. 35). The fire being extinguished, another was struck, and carried by the vestals in a brazen sieve or chafing dish into the temple: the vestals did this yearly, as do we in the consecration of the paschal taper (*De Diis Syntagm.* 4). They pour fresh water into the font and consecrate it, the priest going nine times round it, thrice touching the water, then signs it with the cross, and throws the taper into it. After the performance of this magical rite, the fasts are discontinued—the altars which had been denuded receive their ornaments, and the bells are rung, and “*Gloria in excelsis*” is sung (see *Durand., de Rat. Div. Off.*, l. VII, c. 7). In France, it was the last day of the year, which commenced with Easter Sunday, and the extinction of the taper marked the last moment of the year.

**Sabbatum post Cinerum.**—Saturday after Ash Wednesday, or *Dies Cinerum*, “*Diem*” being understood.—*Bed., Oper.*, t. VII, p. 308.

**Sabbatum post Communes.**—See *Communes*.

**Sabbatum post Invocavit.**—See *Invocavit*.—*Bed., Oper.*, t. VII, p. 327.

**Sabbatum primum post Pascha.**—The first Saturday after Easter, is Saturday in Easter week, the Pascha being Easter Day: “*Sabbatum primum post Pascha, quod dicitur in Albis.*”—*Amel. de Cæremon.*, n. 87; *Mabill., Mus. Ital. Ord. Rom.*, p. 508.

**Sabbatum Sanctum, or Sabbatum Sanctum Paschæ.**—The Holy Saturday of Easter, is the same as *Sabbatum Luminum* or *Magnum*. *Sabbatum Sanctum* occurs more frequently as a date, as in a charter of 1125: “*Veniant ad Ramos et in Sabbato Sancto,*” &c. “*Die Parasceves sive sancto sabato Paschæ*”—on Good Friday, or the holy Saturday of Easter (*Tho. Otterbourne*, p. 267). To *Sabbatum Sanctum* formerly belonged lessons from scripture, then the consecration of the font, and the baptism of those who had been prepared by the various examinations during Lent (*Ordo Rom. Comm.*, p. xciv; *Mabill., Mus. Ital.*, t. II.) Anciently there were no vespers, lest the following rites of mass and baptism should prolong the night (*Ib.*, xcix.) After the lessons, the pope touches the nostrils and ears of each person with his spittle, “*sputo;*” then, the catechism, lessons, prayers and canticles ended, the pope and clergy proceed to consecrate the fonts, which is nearly the last ceremony (*Ib., Ordo Ro. x*, p. 106). The Lenten days of examination were called *Dies Scrutinii*.

**Sabbatum Traditionis.**—See *Sabbatum in Traditione*, &c.

**Sabbatum Vacans, or Vacat.**—Saturday before Palm Sunday, because it wants the proper office; or because, the pope being on that day occupied in distributing alms, there was no service at Rome.

**SABIANUS.**—For *Fabianus*.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 42.

**SABINA.**—Aug. 29: V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. In the *Kal. Arr.*, 826, her festival is named before that of St. John the Baptist. She was an Italian widow, or, as in the kalendars, a virgin, who was martyred at Rome in the second century.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 133.

**Sabmedi.**—In Fr. records, Saturday, from *Sabbatum* and *dies*, and thence the modern word *Samedi*. In the same manner, the Germans have *Samstag*, Saturday, from *Sabbethstag*, Sabbath Day, except that the final *m* of *Sabbathum* is omitted.—*Haltaus, Cal. Med. Aevi*, s. 8, p. 11.

**Sabothum, Sabotum**.—Saturday. “*Et die Saboti sequente,*” &c.—*Will-Wycrest.*, p. 470, 482, &c.

**Sæternes Dæg**.—The Saturday of the Saxons, i. e. Saturn’s Day.

**Sagittarius**.—Nov. 17, the sun’s entry into this sign: G. 418; V. 432; T. 445; D. 450.

**Saint**.—See *Sancta; Sanctus*.

**SALABERGA**.—Sept. 22. Instituted in the 7th century.—*Vincent.*; *Hospin.*, fo. 16.

**Saltus Lunæ, Saltus Luna**.—The Moon’s Leap. Chronologists make frequent mention of this *Saltus Lunæ*, or the moon’s leap, in treating of the epacts. It happens in the last year of every cycle, by reason that, in 19 years, the excess of the Julian above the lunar year is computed at 209 days, which, divided by 30, gives 6 embolismal months and 29 days. To reduce the cycle of epacts to an entire revolution, 30 days, or a 7th embolismal month, are taken instead of 29 days, whence it follows that, instead of XI for the epact, we must use XII in the 19th year. And because the epact in the last year amounts to a day more in the kalendar, it is called by metonymy *Saltus Lunæ*, or the moon’s leap. The reason of the *Saltus Lunæ*, and the use of the number XII, instead of XI, in the epacts for the last year of the lunar cycle, is, because the true difference between 19 lunar and 19 Julian mean years is 206 d. 18 h., and almost 36 m. So that if, for every year, XI epacts only were used, there would happen 209 in 19 years; and then the moons would precede the epacts 2 days and more. In order to prevent this, an embolismal month of 30 days, to which astronomers allow no more than 29 d. 12 h. 44 m. 3 s. 8-3rds & 39-4ths, is always made use of; and so the quantity of every embolismal month exceeds the astronomical, 11 h. 15 m. 57 s., which, multiplied by 7, are equal to 3 d. 6 h. 51 m. 39 s.; and these, being added to the difference between the 19 Julian and lunar years, namely, 10 d. 21 h. 11 m. 22 s. 16-3rds, will make 210 d. 1 h., and almost 28 m. Now, that the epacts might attain to this sum, XII is assumed for the 19th year, and thus the number of epacts is rendered equal to 210 days, and the difference is only one hour and a few minutes (*Strauch.*, *Brev. Chron.*, b. I, e. 7, s. 8, 9, 10). There is a long account, in the Saxon treatise on the Vernal Equinox, of the moon’s leap, which is termed in the Latin *Saltus Lunæ* (*Cott. MS.*, *Tib.*, A. III, fo. 67 b.) The following, under the title of *Motus Lunæ*, is what occurs on the subject in the Computus of *Titus*, D. XXVII, fo. 23: “In nono decimorum annorum circulo saltus contigit qui motus lune vocatur. In uno quoque anno .i. hora & .x. momenta & demidium momentum adplicet. & tunc nona decima pars dimedio momenti augetur. Ita per .x. et .viii. annos hoc modo in uno quoque anno saltus lune ad crescit.”

**Salus Populi**.—Introit and name of the nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: sometimes it is called “*Salus populi ego sum.*”—*Haltaus, Cal. Med. Ev.*, p. 19.

**SAMAND**.—A popular corruption of *St. Amandus*, June 18.

**Samaritaine**.—A French name of Friday in the third week of Lent.

**Samaritana**.—See *Dominica de Samaritano*.

**Samedis**.—Saturday, in our Fr. records. The will of Edw. I is dated, “*Le*

Samedis procheyn apres la Pentecoste, en le an de nostre seigneur mil, deu cent, septsaunt secund."—*Royal Wills*, p. 18.

**SAMSON.**—July 28: G. 410; E. 455. A bishop of Dol about 564.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 150.

**Samstag.**—See *Sabmedi*.

**Saneta, Sanctus.**—Canonization was unknown to the church for upwards of 800 years. The first pope who canonized was Leo III, and Charlemagne condemned the practice (*Hospin. de Fest. Chr. fo. 21 b.*) Alexander III claimed the right of canonization, and subsequent popes have exercised it. The saints are the Dii Minores and the Dii Gentium of the ancients. In fact, many of the saints appear to have been manufactured for the sole purpose of usurping their places. Like them they preside over towns and countries, rivers, lakes and fountains, individual persons and their diseases. So that in the worship of the saints, we have the whole of the heathen mythology carefully preserved in its most essential and even minute particulars, although necessarily travestied in many respects. Before the popes began to canonize, the bishops called people saluts, and decreed them divine honors, though they were utterly unknown beyond their diocese. Thus Odogar, bishop of Eichstadt, canonized Walpurga, the abbess of Heidenheim, in 870. The bishop of the place in which one abbot Bartulf was buried, canonized him about 1073 (*Hospin. ib.*) Most of our Saxon saints were of this description, and Canute seems to have sometimes conferred the title. According to Mabillon, the first solemn act of canonization occurred under John XVI, in favour of Udalric, bishop of Augsburg on Jan. 30, or Feb. 3, 993 (See *Udalric.*) The worship of saints began, in all probability, with that of martyrs, sepulchres, wood, bones, and other inanimate substances. Dr. Wiseman quotes the following inscription, which, he says, was found in the ruins of Ostia:

ANICIVS. ANCHENIVS. BASSVS. VX. ET. HONO  
RATACE. EIVS. CVM. FILIIS DEO SANCTISQVE DEVOTI PER....

He observes, that this Anicius Bassus, who puts up a public inscription to tell us that he, his wife, and children, were devout to God and the saints, lived about 380 years after Christ (*Lecture III*, p. 38.) The practice of worshipping them appears to have risen to such a pitch of impiety and blasphemy in 852, that it was prohibited by the council of Cordova. Alexander III, who sat from 1159 to 1181, reserved the canonisation of saints to the popes (*Verif. des Dates*, t. III, p. 352.) He decreed that divine honors should not be paid in public to any mortal unless he had been previously inscribed in the catalogue of the Gods by apostolic edict—"nisi priue ex edicto apostolico in divisorum esset catalogum adscriptus" (*Polyd. Verg.*, l. VI, c. 8, p. 350.) When we consider the vast multitude of these deified mortals, their guardianship of kingdoms, towns, cities, woods, vales, rivers, fountains, persons; their imaginary efficacy in danger, calamity, and disease; and the thousand other attributes with which transparent imposture on the one hand, and gross ignorance and superstition on the other, have invested them, can we fail to perceive that they are any other than the resuscitated demigods of Pagan mythology?

“Sunt mihi semidei, sunt rustica numina, nymphæ,  
Faunique, satyrique, et monticolæ sylvani,”

Are words as true in the mouth of a papist as in that of Ovid, with this difference, that he probably followed the example of the philosophers and other sensible people by laughing at them. As to the lives of saints which constitute so great a portion of popish literature, the great mass is truly described by Ludovicus Vives, who cannot be suspected of “heretical prejudice” when he says that the writers indulge in their imagination, and put down not what the saint performed, but what they would have him to have done; so that the writer’s mind, and not truth, dictates the life “ut vitam dictet animus scribentis non veritas.” He had just before said that what things, except some few, are written of the saints, stink with lies “commentis fœdatis.”—*De Tradit. Discip.*, l. V, p. 360.

The order and expenses of a canonisation in 1494, which, though very curious, is too long for transcription, is contained in *Spelman, Concil.*, t. II, p. 713 to 719.

Sanguis Domini.—Our Lord’s blood, namely, the Lord’s Supper.

Sans Jour, Sans Jur.—Without a day, in our Norman Fr. law-books. It is the indefinite postponement of a cause, which may be considered as terminated. “Voysent sans jour”—let them go without further day.—*Briton*, 145 a. See *Sine Die*.

Sapientia, O.—Introit of the anthem for December 10, “O sapientia, quæ ex ore altissimi prodisti,” &c.

Sater Nigt.—Saturday night:

“ȝ Sir Roger de Mortimer, ȝ mani god knigt þer to,  
In a Lammasse nigt, Sater nigt þat was  
Out of Wurcetre he wende mid wel god pas.”

*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 577.

Lammas Day fell on a Saturday in 1254, to which this date belongs.

SATIVOLA.—Aug. I: E. 456.

Saturday in Albis.—See *Sabbatum in Albis*.

Saturday’s Stop.—A space of time from evening on Saturday until sunrise on Monday, when it was not lawful to take salmon in Scotland and the northern parts of England. See *Setterdays Slopp*.

Saturni Dies.—The astronomical name of Saturday. Innocent II, in 403, enjoined Saturday to be a fasting day, because, says Functins, the disciples mourned on that day, while Christ lay in the sepulchre.

SATURNINUS.—May 30, July 26, Oct. 16, Nov. 26: G. 406, 410, 415, 418.

SATURNINUS.—Nov. 29: G. 418; V. 432; T. 445; E. 450. A bishop ordained by the disciples of the apostles, and martyred by the Pagans.—*Petr-de Natal.*, l. I, c. 5.

Scambyng Dayes.—Conjectured to be derived from the Greek σκαψος, oblique, awry, indirect, &c. The days so called were Mondays and Saturdays in Lent, when no regular meals were provided and the members of our great families scambled. In the old household book of the fifth earl of Northumberland there is a particular section appointing the order of service for these days, and so regulating the licentious contentions of them. Shak-

speare's Henry V says, " If ever thou beest mine, Kate, I get thee with scambling, and thou must, therefore, prove a good soldier breeder."

Schere þursday.—Thursday before Easter, Maunday Thursday. Mirk says, in his Festival of Sermons, " Gif men aske why schere þursday is calde so say þt in holy chyrche hit is calde oure lordys sop' day for þat day he souped with his dissipules oponly & astur soper gaff hem hys flesse & his blode for to eton & for to drynkyn, & sone astur wasse alle hor fette schewyng þe heghe mekenesse þt was in hym & þe grete loue þt he had to hem. Hit is also in englis tong schere þursday for in owre elde fadur dayes men woldon þt day makon scheron hem honest & dode here hedes & clypon here berdes & so makon hem honest axayne asturday. For on þe moroxe þei woldon don here body non ese but suffur penaunce in mynde of hym þt suffrud so harde for hem. On asturday þei mygte nogte whyle whate for longe seruice whate for oþur occupacion þt þei haddon for þe weke comynge þt afftur mote was no tyme for halyday.—Narracio.—for I rede in þe lyue of seynt Rycharde þt was bysy on sonnonday befor none þt he makud to schauon his berde & one a saturday afternone. And þan was þe fende redy & gedured up þe heres. Bot whan þis holymen seghe þat, he coniured þe fende & bade hym tellon why he did so. þan sayde þe fende for þu doste no reuerens to þe sonday. þat is goddys owne day, to þe wyche day vche man þat is crystened is holdon for to do reuerens in worches of cryste's resurrection. Wherfore þeis herus i wil kepe to þe day of dome in hyge reprove to þe. þan anone þis man made to leuon of hys schauyng & toke þe herus of þe fende & made for to brennon hem on hys owne heued for penaunce & so abode half schauon & half vnschauon tylle þe monday astur" (*Cott. MS., Claudioe, A. II, fo. 56*). This story of St. Richard's burning the hairs of his beard upon his head, has a prototype in an anecdote of one of the first Christian kings of Sweden, who, having been reproved for profaning the Lord's day, by paring his nails on a Saturday afternoon, carefully collected the clippings and burned them on the back of his hand (see *Sunday*). Schere Thursday was one of the ancient shaving days in the monastery of Cluny (*Udalric., Antiq. Consuet. Clun., l. II, cap. De Rasura Fratrum*). In 1292, or very nearly in Mirk's time, strenuous efforts were made by the fanatical priests & monks to suppress shaving on the Sunday, which commenced about the noon of the preceding Saturday, as in this case of St. Richard. In the Synodal Statutes of G. le Maire, bishop of Angers, 1292, *cap. 2*, working on festivals is prohibited, under pain of excommunication, and particularly the shaving by barbers, who are also forbidden, under the same penalty, to exercise any other office of a barber, even bloodletting.—*D'Achery, Spicil., t. I, p. 734; Fol. Ed.*

Schire Thorsday.—This is Thursday in *Cena Domini*, or Thursday before Easter, Maundy Thursday, Sheer or Shire Thursday. "This day," says an ancient homily on *Feria quinta in Cena Dni*, "is called Scherthers day or elles þe day of Cristes Mavndy, þat is, Maundy Thursday," &c. (See *Vol. I, p. 185*.) Another homily, more ancient, on the feast of Corpus Christi, introduces it in the account of that festival, with which, however, it has no connection: "þen schalle ge knowe welle þat oure lorde Ihu Criste on schire þorsday at nygte when he had sowped & wiste how þt he schulde in þe morowe sofur deeth and so passe owte of þis worlde to his fadur he

ordened a perpetuall memory of the passion to abyde w<sup>t</sup> his pepull," &c.—(*Lansdowne MS.*, 392, fo. 73.) The word *Schir* or *Schire* is from the Saxon *rein*, pure, clean, which it appears some pronounced like the Germ. *sch*, or our *sh*, while others pronounced *c* hard. (See *Skitis Thursday*.) In the sense of clean, the word occurs in the romance of *Launfal Myles*, or Sir Launval :

“ Her kercheues wer well schyre  
Arayd w<sup>t</sup> ryche gold wyre.”

*Cott. MS. Calig., A. II, fo. 34 b, col. 1.*

**SCHOLASTICA.**—Feb. 10 : E. 450.

**SCOLACE**, Virgin.—Feb. 10 : L. 462.

**SCOLASTICA.**—Feb. 10 : V. 423 ; T. 436. Scholastica was the sister of Benedict, about 543, and translated with him, July 11.

**Scorpio.**—Oct. 18, the sun's entry into this sign : G. 415 ; V. 431 ; T. 444 ; E. 458.

**Scrutinii Dies.**—See *Dies Scrutinii*.

**SEBASTIAN.**—Jan. 20. See *Fabian & Sebastian*.

**Secular Years.**—The secular years are such as 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, which, though bissextile, were ordered by Gregory XIII, in 1522, to be considered as common years in order to prevent the accumulation of error like that which he corrected in the Julian kalendar. With the same view, the secular year 2000 was directed to be bissextile, and the three next secular years common ; the fourth again bissextile and so on. See *Solar Cycle*.

**Seculum.**—An age, a space of 100 years, and also the natural age of a man (See *Strauch. B. I*, c. 8, s. 8.) In the articles of marriage between Queen Mary and Philip of Spain, which were executed January, 1554 : “ This liege agreement and articles shall be renewed and confirmed at Westminster the two & for tith year of this seculum and four years after on the 16 January at Utrecht”—“ which, (says Godwyn) I conceive to have fallen in the year 1588” (*Annales of Engl.*, p. 168). The Armada was defeated in this year.

**Secunda Nativitas.**—The second birth, is the Epiphany, which was also called the festival of baptism : “ Secunda nativitas vel natalis epiphanie.”—*Holtermann de Epiphanis*, sect. 18.

**SECUNDINUS.**—Jan. 9 : G. 397.

**Sellas Day.**—This occurs in a letter from Jerom Bonvial to the king of England, dated Rome, 30th April, 1509 : “ The Thursday the xix of thys present came tidings to the pope by a curre, &c. The same sellas day xix of thys present yn lykewyse came tidynges vn to the pope from the markys of Mantoua.”—*Cott. MS., Cleopat., E. III, fo. 176.*

**Semaine Peneuse.**—In Fr. records, &c., the same as *Septimana Paenosa*.

**Seme.**—See *Septimus*.

**Semmedy.**—Saturday, Norm. Fr. It occurs in the poem of the battle of the *Trante*, between thirty Bretons and as many English. See *Letare Jhl'm.*

**SENEN.**—July 30. See *ABDON & SENNEN*.

**Seney Days.**—Days of recreation, in *Registr. Eccles. Ebor.*, an. 1562.

**Se'nnight.**—A week, the seven nights of the Saxons. The modern Latin writers call a week *septimana* (*i. e. septem mane*, seven mornings), from

the beginning of the day : we call it a *seven-night*, from the number of nights, and use a fourteen-night for the space of fourteen days (*Spelm., Gloss.*, p. 416 ; see *Night*). Se'nnight is sometimes written as it frequently was by the Saxons—"vii nyght."—*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 100.

Sepmadi.—In our Fr. records, Saturday ; apparently formed in the same manner as *Sabmedi*.

Septembre.—In old Fr., the nativity of St. Mary in September.

Septembresche.—The same : "Octaves de la Septembresche."—*Du Cange*, t. I, col. 940.

Septem Dolorum Commemoratio.—The festival of the Seven Sorrows of our Lady, instituted by a deacon named George Haller, in 1545, April 23.—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 80.

Septem Dormientes.—The Seven Sleepers, July 27 : G. 408 ; V. 428 ; T. 441 ; E. 455. Matt. Dresser tells the adventure of the seven sleepers with brevity. In 251 they fled during the persecution of the Christians in Ephesus, to a mountain, where they fell asleep in a cavern until the year 446 (*De Festib. Diebus*, p. 120). His authorities are Cedrenus & Nicephorus. The fable is also related in *Durand.*, *de Ration. Div. Off.*, l. VII, c. 18 ; *Antonin.*, tit. 7, c. 7, s. 6—tit. 16, c. 1, s. 20 ; *Vincent.*, l. XX, c. 9 ; *Baron.*, *Not. ad Martyrol.*, vi kal. Aug. ; *Will. Malmesb.*, *Hist.*, t. II, p. 92 ; *Aurea Legenda*, CXX ; *Petr. de Natal.*, and so many other Popish writers, that there can be no doubt of the fact, that the votaries of Rome give full credit to the ridiculous absurd story and impossible occurrence. Gibbon has condescended to notice it (*Decline & Fall*, v. II, ch. 33), and Hospinian traces it far beyond the date of the Christian era (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 114). When the emperor Decius had set up a statue in Ephesus, he commanded all the people to worship it ; but seven young men, more scrupulous about image-worship than modern Roman Catholics, refused to obey. They concealed themselves in a cavern of Mount Coelius, on which Decius ordered all the caverns to be closed. According to Durandus, they lay there 300 years—Sigorius says 200, but Vincentius contents himself with only 192. Some person with an intention of building a stable, went to the mount for materials, and, loosening the stones of the cavern, disturbed the seven sleepers in 443—but some maintain that it was in 451. The sleepers, after rubbing their eyes with their forefingers, and stretching their limbs, began to feel hungry, and dispatched the seventh to Ephesus to purchase meat. Vincentius denies this, and says that it was bread for which they sent. However this may be, it seems that they thought they had slept no more than one night. The coin offered for the meat was strange and unknown to the butchers. The circumstance becoming the subject of much public conversation, it was discovered, at length, that they had slept all this time in the cavern. In commemoration of this remarkable occurrence, the festival of the seven sleepers was instituted, which the *Martyrol. Roman.* and other martyrologies ascribe it to the vi kal Aug., and not to v kal. Jul., which is the day given to it by Dresser and others. Pliny (l. VII, c. 52) relates that a boy slept 57 years. Apuleius (*in Florid.*) relates that Epimenides the Cretan, having been sent by his parents to tend a flock of sheep, slept in a cave 57 years, whence the proverb, "Dormire somnum Epimenidis." In the ancient legends of Germany, Peter Klaus, a goatherd of Sittendorf, slept on

the Kiffhauser, where he met with exactly the same adventures as Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle. A woman slept 100 years among the dwarfs of Heiling without becoming any older, and Paul Diaconus mentions seven Romans who were asleep in a cave in his time, and who are still asleep, as the event which is to arouse them has not yet happened. In Howell's *Cambrian Superstitions* will be found a legend of the same kind, and probably as ancient as the sleep of Epimenides.

**Septem Fratres.**—July 10: G. 409; V. 428; T. 441; E. 455. The seven brethren suffered at Rome, under Antoninus.—*Petr. de Nat.*, l. VI, c. 77.

**Septem Puellæ.**—April 9: G. 408. The Seven Girls, or virgins, suffered in Smyrna with Theodotus, about 408. *Petr. de Natal.* makes the day May 11.—*Cat. Sanct.*, l. IV, c. 40.

**Septiformis Processio.**—The Sevenfold Procession. See *Litania Major*.

**Septima.**—Saturday. The commencement of Jack Cade's insurrection in 1450 is dated thus—"Septima in Pentecoste incepit communis insurrectio in Kancia."—*Wilk. Wyrc.*, p. 468.

**Septimana.**—A Week: literally, *seven mornings*, in the same way as the Saxons called the same space seven nights (see *Spelm. Gloss.*, p. 416). From this word the French have *Sémaine*, a week. It is of frequent recurrence in English charters and feodaries: "Alanus de Penyngton tenet de abbate de Fournays manerium de Penyngton per servicium militare de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas."—*Lansd. MS.* (23 *Edw. III*), 559, fo. 42.

**Septimana Albæ, or Albaria.**—See *Hebdomada Albæ*.

**Septimana Communis.**—The week beginning on Sunday after St. Michael's Day in September (*Haltaus, Cal. Medii Ævi*, p. 191). In a diploma of 1306, "Feria quarta in communibus," is Wednesday, Oct. 5.—*Ludwig., Relig. MSS.*, t. VI, p. 493.

**Septimana in Albis.**—The week after Easter, because, on the day which ended the Paschal feast, the neophytes changed the white dress which they had hitherto worn (*Durand.*, l. VI, c. 86, 89), whence that Saturday was called *Dies ex Festum Neophytorum*.—*Augustin., Epist. 119 ad Januar.*

**Septimana Media Jejuniorum Paschalium.**—The third week in Lent, which is not to be confounded with *Hebdomada Mediuna Quadragesimæ*, the 4th week of Lent.

**Septimana Pœnosa.**—See *Hebdomada Pœnosa*.

**Septimana Reliquiarum.**—The Week of Relics. The exhibition of relics began about 1400, by Boniface IX. Every province and city has its peculiar feast of relics; that at Halberstadt was the day after the Assumption, and that at Erfort was in Easter week (*Haltaus, Cal. Med. Ævi*, p. 92)—and in so many other places, that *Septimana Reliquiarum* became a name of the week. The Saxons also celebrated a feast of relics about this time, namely, in the week after the last of the paschal terms, which is April 18:

Sculon þe hƿæðene.  
gýr maṛtjra gemynd.  
ma aƿecccān.  
ƿneccan ƿorðum ƿorð.  
ƿirræ geringan.  
þ embe nígotýne niht.  
þær þe eastræn monð.

We must yet, however,  
of martyrs' memory  
more relate,  
forth declare in words,  
manifest and sing  
that nineteen nights  
after easter month

to ur cymeð.	to us cometh
þ man reliquiar.	the reliques they begin
nejan orginnesð.	to exalt on high,
halige gehyrste.	holy ornaments :
þ iñ healic ðæg.	this is a high-day,
ben - tūd bpemu.	a prayer-feast famed.

Cott. MS., Tib., B. I., fo. 111.

Septimus.—The seventh day from a death, on which rites were performed. In Anjou and Poictou, *sème* is the office of seven days' duration, performed for the dead. The custom is derived from the pagans. Tacitus calls similar rites, performed on the ninth day, “Novendiales Coense” (*Annal.*, l. IV.) Virgil alludes to it—

“ Præterea, si nona diem mortalibus alnum  
Aurora extulerit,” &c.      *AEn.*, l. V, v. 64.

The Romans kept the body seven days, burned it on the eighth, and placed the ashes in a sepulchre on the ninth; hence Horace calls them *Novendiales pulveres*:

“ Nec in sepulchris pauperum prudens anus  
Novendiales dissipare pulveres.”      *Epopd.*, XVII, v. 47.

Septinoctium.—The space of seven nights; a week, among those who counted by nights.—*Du Cange*.

Septizodium.—In Bede (*Oper.*, t. I, p. 224), a square formed of the Dominical Letters, which resolves itself into a circle in seven years. See *Laterculus Septizodium*.

Septuagesima.—The third Sunday before Quadragesima. In Septuagesima, says Dresser, are commemorated the seventy years of Babylonian captivity (*De Festib. Diebus*, p. 37). From Septuagesima Sunday until the octaves of Easter, the solemnization of marriage is forbidden by the canon law; and the laws of Canute ordained a vacancy from judicature, from Septuagesima to the Quindena Paschee (see also *Stat. Westm.*, I, c. 51). Septuagesima, Sexagesima & Quinquagesima, and Quadragesima Sundays are so called, from the number of days which are between each Sunday and Easter. Shepherd (on the Book of Common Prayer) says—“ When the words Septuagesima, Sexagesima & Quinquagesima, were first applied to denote these three Sundays, the season of Lent had generally been extended to a fast of six weeks, that is 36 days, not reckoning the Sundays, which were always celebrated as festivals. At this time, likewise, the Sunday which we call the first Sunday in Lent, was styled simply Quadragesima, meaning the 40th day before Easter. Quadragesima was also the name given to Lent, and denoted the Quadragesimal, or 40 days' fast. When the three weeks before Quadragesima ceased to be considered as weeks after the Epiphany, and were appointed to be observed as a time of preparation for Lent, it was perfectly conformable to the ordinary mode of computation to reckon backwards, and, for the sake of even and round numbers, to count by decades. The authors of this novel institution, and the compilers of the new proper offices, would naturally call the first Sunday before Quadragesima, Quinquagesima—the second, Sexagesima, and the third, Septuagesima. This reason corresponds

with the account that seems to be at present most generally adopted." Du Cange produces the following metrical canon from the MS. of St. Victor, of Paris :

" A festo Stellæ numerando perfice Iunæ  
Quadraginta dies, ibi Septuagesima flet.  
Et si bissextus fuerit, superadditus unus."

Septuagesima Sunday, because it had properly no name, was called the lost Sunday, as in a charter of 1368 : " Le Sabmedi devant le perdu diemange" (*Dict. Roman, Walon, &c.*) The first term of Septuagesima is Jan. 17, D. 449. The rule for the term, in the *Computus* of T., D. XXVII., fo. 13, is to take that day, after Jan. 17, on which the moon is 10 days old. " *De Septuagesima*.—Post .xvi. kl. Febr. ubi lunam .x. inuenieris. ibi fac terminum septuagesime." Take, for example, the years 512, 531, 550, 569, and 588, which are each the 18th of the cycle of 19, and the Septuagesima Sundays will be found to be Jan. 29, 26, 30, 27, and Feb. 1.

This Sunday was anciently called *Alleluia*, and the following is the rule for finding it, from this *Computus* (fo. 54 b; see the remark on its supposed absence, p. 10, and the explanatory note, p. 66 *suprà*):—On januarij open .xvi. kl. febri. loca hysen þu habbe .x. nihta eal'dne monan. on þone runnan ðæg open þ beluc þonne all'a.<sup>1</sup> On febri.<sup>2</sup> open .vii. rður loca hysen þu finde tƿegna nihta eal'dne monan. þonne open þ on þone runnan ðæg bið halgan ðæg. On maijuri open .xii. kl. pin's .xiii.<sup>3</sup> nihta eal'dne monan. on þone runnan ðæg open þæt he ƿra eald' bið. þ bið eastron ðæg.

[The half-consumed MS. *Vitell.*, E. XVIII., fo. 14, has the same rules, with these literal variations—

<sup>1</sup>alleluian.

<sup>2</sup>februario.

<sup>3</sup>maiuntina.]

In January after the 16th (day before the) kalends of February, look where you have the moon of 10 nights old; on the Sunday after that, keep Alleluia. In February after the 7th (day before the) ides, look where you find the moon of 2 nights old: on the Sunday after that is Holy Day. In March, past the 12 kal., find the moon of 14 nights old. On the Sunday after that he is so old, is Easter Day.

For example of each rule, take the year 407, the 9th of the cycle of 19 years. The dominical letter is F. The new moon of January fell on the 25th, and was 10 days old on Monday, Feb. 4; the following Sunday, Feb. 10, was Alleluia. In the same manner Holyday, or the 1st Sunday in Lent, will be found to have been March 3, and Easter Day April 14. Prove these by the tables of Dominical Letters, Golden Numbers, and Easter.

" Septuagesime is iclepeþ. wham me sonket alleluye.  
For we scholle biginne bifore. to oure lord oure herte buye  
For me clepeþ þan in cherche. ech man' song of blis.  
As alleluye þ op' ek þ' þe encheson þ' of is.  
þ' we scholle w' sorwe of herte. our penance lade.  
þ' aȝen þe time of lente. repenti our misded."

*Cott. MS., Jul., D. IX., fo. 49 b.*

**Septugesum.**—The same; in Mirk on this day: “*ge schull knowe al þt þt day ys kalled in holy chyrch Sonday in Septugesu’ þe’ for encheson þt holy chyrch ys mod’ of al er’ston phephul, &c.*”—*Cott. MS. Claud. A. 11, fo. 35 b.*

**SERAPHIO.**—July 13: G. 400. There were several saints named Serapion, and two named Seraphia: 1. Feb. 25; 2. the Sindonite, and a bishop, both March 21; 3, Aug. 11; 4, bishop, Oct. 30; 5, Nov. 14;—Seraphia, virg. and mart., Sept. 2; another, 1240, Jan. 31.

**SERENATUS.**—Feb. 23: G. 400. Monk and martyr, in Smyrna, in the third or fourth century. He is called Serenus in *Petr. de Natal.*, l. III, c. 147.

**SERGIUS and BACHUS.**—Oct. 7: E. 458. The latter is sometimes called *Bacchus*, which in all probability is the right name. They are said to have been martyrs under Maximin (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IX, c. 29), but see *Bachus*.

**Sergeant's Feast.**—See *Vol. I*, p. 384. This feast is probably an imitation of the *Cana Pontificalis* or *Auguralis*, held Sept. 20.

**SERVATIUS.**—May 13. A bishop of Utrecht. If we believe the legends of the monks we shall find that he lived above 300 years, for they say that he was a relation and contemporary of Christ, and yet flourished in the age of Ambrose and Jerome. This most impudent fiction was sanctioned in the reign of Henry V, by Celestine IV, in a public consistory (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 16; *Hoepin. de Fest.*, fo. 85 b.) These dates do not agree. Celestine IV was elected in Oct. 1241, and died the 18th of the next month in the same year, which was in the reign of Frederic I. Celestine III sat from 1191 to 1198, in the reign of Henry VI, and these are no doubt the princes intended.

**SERVULUS.**—Feb. 21: G. 400. A martyr with Verolus, Secundinus and 20 others in Africa, about 590.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. X, c. ult.

**Sethmedi.**—Saturday. “Sethmedi de la Paske.”—*Dial. de S. Gregoire*, l. I, c. 10.

**Setterdays Slopp.**—*Spelm. Gloss.*, p. 514. See *Saturday's Stop*.

**Settirdae.**—Saturday. “Writtyn [1 Henry V] in hast at the ton of Conowey the Settirdae nexte astyr the feste of the Epiphanie.”—*Ellis, Orig. Letters*, v. I, p. 37.

**Seuenyght.**—A week. See *Se'nnight*.

“ Alle thise passid the se, so com the erle of Artoys  
In prison did tham be a seuenyght in Calays.”

*Robert of Brunne*, p. 258.

**Seue Sleperis.**—The Seven Sleepers. See *Septem Dormientes*.

“ Seue Sleperis were holime’. as me haþ gou itold bifore.  
In þe cite of Ephese. hi were alle ibore.  
I cholle gou telle her seue names,” &c.

*Cott. MS. Jul. D. IX, fo. 117 b.*

**Seven Brethren.**—See *Septem Fratres*.

**Seven Sleepers.**—See *Septem Dormientes*.

**Seven Virgins.**—See *Septem Puellæ*.

**Sevenyngt.**—Seven nights, a week. See *Dysday*. In the romance or legend of Sir Owaine, it is *nygth*:

" Ther was no wronge bat eu' rygth,  
 Eu' day & eu' nygth,  
 They shone as brygth & more clere  
 Then ony son'e yn þe day doth here."

*Cott. MS. Calig. A. II, fo. 92.*

**SEVERINUS.**—Oct. 23: E. 458. A bishop of Cologne, 403.

**SEVERUS.**—Jan. 23: G. 398. With Aquila his wife, martyrs, in Mauritania (*Petr. de Natal. L. III, c. 16*). Another, Oct. 23: G. 416. Perhaps this is *Severinus* above.

**SEVERUS.**—Feb. 1: E. 450.

**Sexagesima.**—About the 60th day before Easter. See *Septuagesima*.

**SEXBURGA.**—July 6: V. 428. A queen and abbess in the 7th century.—*Brit. Sanct.*, p. li, p. 15.

**Shack.**—Time of commoning after harvest. It occurs in our French as well as English records. *Shacking time* in Norfolk is mast time. See *Tempus Pessonis*.

**Shere Thursday.**—Thursday before Easter; so called because on this day the clergy sheared or shaved their heads, and clipped their beards, to make themselves "honest," according to the explanation in the homily under *Scher Thursday*. We have the name from the Saxon *rein*, *pure*, *clean*; and it may denote a day of shaving the beard. The ancient Germans called Ash Wednesday, which is a day of confession and absolution, the shere day—"Schuertag," meaning a day of purgation and absolution. The cellareass of the nunnery of Barking is "to be sure of xij stubbe eles and ix schaffe eles to bake for the covent on Shere Thursday."—*Monast. Anglic.*, t. I., p. 443.

**Sherthursday, Shorthurseday.**—In the "Levery of Otemeale" to the convent of Barking is the following item: "Delyveryd to the seyd coke on Sherthursday viij pound ryse. Item delyveryd to the seyd coke for Sherthursday xvij pounds almans" (*Monast. Anglic.*, t. I., p. 445). Shorthorseday in *Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 280, *temp. Hen. VI*.

**Shroftyd.**—Shrovetide. The cellareess of the nunnery of Barking must "puryve for my lady abbes against shroftyd viij. chekenes: also bonnes fur the covent at the sametyme."—*Mon. Angl.*, t. I., p. 443.

**Shrove Sunday.**—Quinquagesima Sunday; from *rejnian*, to hear confession, to impose penance, to adjudge, to punish, &c.

**Shrove Tide.**—Carnival before Lent.

**Shrove Tuesday.**—*Carnibrevium*, *Carnicapium*, the day before Ash Wednesday.

**Sicut Oculi Servorum.**—Introit of Monday after the first Sunday in Lent, in the charter for the foundation of a French collegiate institution in 1185: "Actum solemniter in capitulo nostro feria II qua cantatur sicut oculi servorum, quinto idus Martii, anno dominice incarnationis MCLXXXV."—*L'Art de verefier les Dates*, t. II, p. 30.

**Si iniquitates.**—Introit of the 22d Sunday after Pentecost, from the Psalm "Si iniquitates observaveris, domine."

**Signa Menaium.**—The signs of the months, by metonymy, for the zodiac. The verses at the head of the months in the kalendars Vitellius and Titus

have been incorrectly transcribed from Bede (*De Mensibus Anglorum*) by some monk who has not understood the language. This is a defect observable in many of the most beautiful Saxon manuscripts. The original verses are the following, as printed in his works at Basil, 1563 :

“ Respicis Aprilis Aries Phrixæ Calendas.  
 Maius Agenorei miratur cornua Tauri.  
 Junius sequatoro celo uidet ire Laconas.  
 Cœlestio ardens fert Julius astrum.  
 Agustum mensem Leo feruidus igne perurit.  
 Sydere Virgo tuo Bacchum September opimat,  
 Æquat & October sementis tempore Libram.  
 Scorpius hibernum preceps iubet ire Novembris.  
 Terminat arcitenens sua signa Decembri.  
 Principium Jani sancit tropicus Capricornus.  
 Mense Numæ in medio solidi stat sidus Aquarii.  
 Procedunt duplices in Martia tempora Pisces.”

*Oper., t. II, (De Temp. Ration., c. 14,) p. 82.*

The signs of the Zodiac have sometimes been used as dates : “ Facta est autem carta V id. Augusti, mediante die Veneris, luna VII in Scorpione ; sole vero in Leone : anno vero ab incarnatione Dom. MLXXIX, epacta XV, concurrente I, indictione II.” The age of the moon in this date is wrong ; it should be luna 8. The year 1079 was the 16th of the cycle of 19, and the new moon fell on August 2, from which to August 9 are 8 days, counting 1 at August 2. Concurrent 1 shows that the dominical letter was F, and, therefore, the charter was granted on a Friday. See table, p. 91. The date and correction belong to *L'Art de vérifier les Dates*, t. I, p. 98, from the *Nouvelle Hist. de Languedoc*.

**SILVANUS.**—Feb. 18 : G. 399 ; Oct. 15 : G. 415. The first is Silvanus or Silvinus of Auchy, 718.

**SILVERIUS.**—June 20. This was Campanus, son of pope Hormisdas, and the first pope who was promoted without the imperial consent. This was in consequence of the sufferages of the Goths, for Theodosius, king of that people, published a law to punish all with the sword who would not consent to his election. Vigilius, the deacon, accused him of an intention to deliver Rome to the Goths, on which he was sent bound into exile by Theodora Augusta, and Antonina, wife of Belisarius, to the island of Pontus. Hence, it would appear, that at this time the Roman pontificate was of little consequence, when, by the order and mandate of small princes, they were elected bishops and deposed by women. He perished miserably in exile on this day, 537.—*Petr. de Natal., l. V, c. 131 ; Hospin. de Fest., fo. 113.*

**SILVESTER, Pope.**—Dec. 31 : G. 420 ; V. 433 ; T. 446 ; E. 460 ; L. 472. He succeeded St. Miltiades, or Melchiades, Jan. 31, 314, and sate till Dec. 31, 335. In the Greek church Jan. 2.

**Simaigne.**—A week in our Fr. records : in the note of John de Montfort's homage for the duchy of Bretagne, in 1345, “ Fait à remembrer que le Vendredi en la simaigne de Pentecost c'est assaver le vyntisme jour de May.”—*Rymer, Feder., t. III, p. 39.*

**SIMBERD.**—A corruption of St. Barbe, for Barbara, anciently Dec. 16.

**SIMEON,** Monk,—Jan. 5 : T. 435. Simeon Stylites. “Non. Jan. Natalis S. Simeonis qui in columna stetit.”—*Kal. Arr.* 826.

**SIMEON.**—July 27 : G. 410. A Persian archbishop of this name martyred under Sapor. April 21 is another of this name (*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 78 b). There were also—1, bishop of Jerusalem, 116, Feb. 18; 2, the younger, 596, May 24; 3, S. Salus, 6th cent., July 1; 4, Metaphrastes, 976, Nov. 27; a bishop, April 17.

**Simnel Sunday.**—Midlent Sunday.—See Vol. I, p. 176.

**SIMEON & JUDE.**—Oct. 28. This is Simon and Jude in the early kalendars, charters, chronicles, &c.

“Sein Simon & seyn Jude. twei breþren were.  
Marie sones Cleaphe. as our bokes doþ lere.”

*Cott. MS. Jul. D. IX, fo. 153.*

**SIMON & JUDE, Apostles.**—Oct. 28 : V. 444; E. 458. This was formerly the day on which the Lord Mayor of London was chosen (*Wilh. Wyrcestr. Annales*, p. 483, &c.) In Paris a trick seems to have been played off, in ancient times, similar to those generally practised on the 1st of April: “A la Saint Simon et Saint Jude on envoi du Temple les Gens un peu simple demander des Nefies (Medlars) afin de les attraper et faire noircir par des Valets.”—*Sauval, Antiq. de Paris*, t. II, p. 617, quoted by Dr. Forster, *Peren. Cal.*, p. 589.

**SIMOND & JUDE.**—Oct. 28 : L. 473. So also in old English. The coronation of Henry III is dated by Robert of Gloucester, p. 512, thus :

“Henri was king imad after his fader Ion  
A sein Simondes day & sein Jade at Gloucestre anon.”

**SIMPONIAN, SIMPHORIAN.**—Aug. 22 : V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. See SYMPHORIAN.

**SIMPLICIUS.**—May 14 : G. 406. A companion of Calepodius, who suffered at Rome under Alexander.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 150.

**SINCLAIR.**—A corruption of St. Claire, or Clara, Aug. 12.

**Singing E'en.**—New Year's Eve.

**Sine Die.**—Without a day. A term that has frequently been used in our proceedings at common law, as when a judgment is given against a plaintiff, he is said to be in *misericordia pro falso clamore suo*. So when judgment passes for the defendant, it is entered, *eat inde sine die*, which is as much as to say, he is dismissed the court or discharged.—*Jacob.*

**Sitientes, or Sitientes venite ad aquam.**—Saturday before Passion Sunday. The words are from Isa. LV, and are quoted by Casalius to justify the Popish adulteration of our Saviour's institution by mixing water with the sacramental wine.—*De Vet. Sacr.*, c. II, p. 20.

**SIVASTIANUS.**—Sebastian, in the ancient kalendar of Carthage (*Mabillon. Analect. Veter.*, p. 398). In a note, Mabillon says, that he is mentioned by Viet. Vitensis (L. I) as a martyr in the Vandalic persecution in Africa.

**SIXTUS II.**—Aug. 6 : V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. An Athenian philosopher who turned Christian, became Pope Aug. 24, 257, and suffered Aug. 6, 258.

{*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 30; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 126 b). He is also called Xistus and Xixtus.

**Skis Thursday.**—In the records of the Society of Masons at Newcastle, mention is made of “Skis Thursday being our Lady Day in Lent” (*Brand's Hist. Newcastle*, v. II, p. 343.) This is probably intended for Skirs Thursday; in Suco-Gothic *shaertor-daeg*, from *shaera*, to purify, and it is the same as our old *Schire Thursday*, which see.

**Slepyng Tyme.**—“Writan in my slepyng tyme at after none on Wytsday.”—*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 282.

**Soel.**—“Jour Soel,” Sunday in our Fr. records.

**Sol.**—For *Dies*. G. 411.

“ Possidet et soles ter denos et simul unum.”

Thrice ten suns hath August and one.

“Tres soles” for “tres dies” in *Joh. de Janua, apud Du' Cange*.

**Solail Levant.**—Sunrise, in our Fr. records. “Au solail levant.”—*Rymer, Fæd.*, t. III, p. 864.

**Solail Rescours.**—Sun run down or Sunset, in our Fr. records: “De solail levant tanqe a solail rescours”—from sun rising till the sun going down (*Stat. 35 Edw. III.*) “A l'heure de soleil couchant.”—*Rymer, Fæd.*, t. III, p. ii, p. 170.

**Solar Cycle.**—This is a revolution of 28 years, beginning with 1 and ending with 28, after which they begin again and always end the same, whence the name. To understand this well, we must call to mind the two sorts of years, common and bissextile. The former have 365 days, or 52 weeks and 1 day; the latter, leap years, have 366 days, or 52 weeks and 2 days. Common years end the same day as they begin, because they are composed of 52 weeks and 1 day, but leap years end the morrow of the day they begin. If, then, a common year begin on Monday it will end on Monday, and Tuesday will be the first day of the new year; but a leap year will end on Tuesday, and Wednesday will be the first. Thence it follows, that if there were only common years, their commencements (we may say the same of the commencements of all the months) would successively run through all the days of the week without interruption, which would produce a cycle of seven years (See *Laterculus Zodiæ*). But as there are leap years which derange this order every 4 years, their commencements (as well also as the commencements of their months) must have passed over the 7 days of the week, though not in order, to return to a course of years perfectly alike with regard to the days of the month and the days of the week. Such is the foundation of the solar cycle of 28 years, because 7 multiplied by 4, or 4 by 7, are equal to 28. For instance, the year 20 is leap year and has G F to mark the Sundays of this year. These letters are found again only after 28 years have passed.

After the reformation of the kalendar in 1582, the solar cycle should consist of 400 years; because we must take the number of years passed before the dominical letter returns precisely where it was the first year of this cycle, to proceed again for 400 years in the same order as the dominical letters have proceeded the 400 years which we suppose have

passed. This cycle began in 1601 and it will end in 2000. Between these two terms, the years 1700, 1800, and 1900, not being leap years like all the centenary years preceding, have deranged the order of dominical letters, and, consequently, the order of the solar cycle to which these letters belong, must be deranged. These years have only one letter,\* but would have two if they were leap years and the solar cycle had not been disturbed.†—*Verif. des Dates, t. I, p. 75.*

**Solemnitas S. Petri.**—The commemoration of St. Peter, June 30.

**Solemnitas Solemnitatum.**—The solemnity of all solemnities is Easter Day, the most solemn of all festivals. In the same style it is called *Celebritas Celebritatum, Festum Festorum, &c.*

**Solemnitas Omnitum Sanctorum.**—All Saints. Nov. 1 : V. 432.

**Solstitium Brumale.**—The winter solstice. Dec. 21 : V. 433 ; T. 446.

**Solstitium Estivale.**—Summer solstice. June 20 : T. 440 ; V. 427. The Summer solstice is when the sun seems to describe the tropic of Cancer, which is on June 22, when he makes the longest day ; hence the jocund festivals of the ancient worshippers of this luminary, which we have preserved in the fires of St. John's Eve, June 23. The Winter solstice is when the sun enters the first degree, or seems to describe the tropic of Capricorn, which is on Dec. 22, when he makes the shortest day. This is to be understood of our northern hemisphere ; for in the southern the sun's entrance into Capricorn makes the Summer solstice, and that into Cancer, the Winter solstice.

**Somertras.**—June at Messina.

**Sommerings.**—Sports at Midsummer.

**Sonmartras.**—See *Somertras*.

**Souday in Quadragesime, &c** —See *Quadragesima, &c.*

**Sonenday, Sonnday.**—Old English names of Sunday, from the Saxon *Sunnan-dæg*, the sun's day :

“ And Sonnday of the Passion amansede all the  
That aviled the holi churche.”      *Rob. of Glouc., p 495.*

“ The next Sonenday after the Assumption  
Of Mari Moder & may, S' Edward had the coroun.”

*Robert of Brunne, p. 235.*

**Sonnunday, Sonnynday.**—Sunday. “ I rede in the lyue of seynt Rycharde  
that was bysy on a sonnunday before none,” &c. (See *Schere þorsday*).

\* It appears that, instead of retrenching 3 leap years in 4 secular years, it would have been more exact to suppress one every 28 years. By this means, not only would the years have agreed more exactly with the course of the sun, but the calculation would have been more precise than by our mode of computation, in this respect, that the common year would then be 365 days, 5 h. 48 m. 45 s., while by our kalendars it is 365 days, 5 h. 49 m. 12 s. longer than it should be by 27 s.

† In 1761 all the almanacs and kalendars gave 7 for the number of the solar cycle instead of 6, which was a considerable error.

"Gode men þis day is þe þrydde sonnynday of lenton."—*Cott. MS. Claud. A. II, fo. 45 b.*

Sow Day.—Dec. 17. See *Vol. I, p. 82.*

Sowlemas Daye, Sowlemesday.—All Souls. "I cam to Norwiche on Sowlemas daye." (*Paston Letters*, (1452) v. III, p. 170, and v. IV, p. 238. The *Sialu Daghr*, Souls' day of the Runic Kalendar.—*Ot. Worm. Fast. Danic.*, p. 146.

Spark Day.—The first Sunday in Lent among the Germans. See *Brandones*. Spiritus Domini replevit.—Introit and name of Trinity Sunday.

Statio, Stationes.—The fixed and stationed days of festivals, which may not be changed but are firm and stable. The term was adopted by Gregory the Great from the *statæ ceremoniæ* of the ancients.—*Polyd. Verg.*, l. VIII, c. 1, p. 454, 5.

STEPANUS.—Aug. 2: G. 411.

STEPHEN.—Aug. 2: V. 429; T. 442, 456. The pope who died Aug. 2, 257. His festival was instituted by Gregory VII, in the 11th century.—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 16 b.

STEPHEN, Invention of.—Aug. 3. His bones are said to have been found by Lucian of Jerusalem, in 416; and hence the festival.—*August. Serm.* 51.

STEPHEN, Protomartyr.—Dec. 26: G. 420; V. 433; T. 446; E. 460; L. 472. Gregory of Nyssa mentions this festival in 380. Before the 13th century it was joined to the Nativity (*Hildebrand. de Diebus Sanctis*, p. 28): "Blessed pepul of goddes moght þt ben come þt day to holy chyrch in worschep of god & of þt holy martyrs seynt Steuen þt was kalled godduus forme martyr for encheson þt he was þe furst martir þt suffred deth for þe loue of c'st after þe ascencyon of god."—*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II, fo. 16 b.*

Steuenday.—

"Saynt Steuenday it felle, þat Jon mad his homage  
A þe Newe castelle, listenes þe langage."

*Robert of Brunne, p. 250.*

"On Saynt Steuen day, withouten any conquest,  
þe barons on gode aray at London made þe feste."

*Ib., p. 110.*

STEVIN.—"Suche a day is þe fest of þt gl'ious martyr saint Stevin þt was the first martyr þt suffred deth for þe loue of god aft' cristes ascencion as the bokes of þe dedis of Apostelis tellith."—*Harl. MS., 2247, fo. 15 b.*

Stigmas of St. FRANCIS.—Oct. 17. This is given on the authority of the Laity's Directory to the Church Service, which is a kalendar in use among the Roman Catholics of this country, whence it appears that even in England, at the present day, the self-inflicted wounds of an impudent knave are deemed fit objects of religious adoration. In 1224, Francis of Assisi retired to a cavern on Mount Alverne, and came out, after being there for some time, with four nails in his hands and feet, and a wound in his side. These, he said, had been given to him by Christ himself, that he, Francis, might be like him in every respect. Friars, nuns, nobles, cardinals—the pope himself, inspected them; the nails were visible, both heads and points, and his dress was always bloody, from the side-wound. He died in 1226 (see **FRANCIS**),

having accelerated his decease by re-opening the five wounds from time to time. Wadding pretends that nails, not exactly of iron, but like iron nails, were found in his flesh : "Clavi non vere ferrei, sed ferreis similes" (*Annal.* II, p. 90). In other words, they were miraculous nails, a notion which had been expressed by Nicholas III in his bull, April, 1299, when, half a century after the impostor's death, he informed the faithful that Francis was divinely signed with a kind of stigmata—"specie stigmatum." Nicholas IV, 65 years after the death of Francis, is more particularly acquainted with the nature of these marks, which, in his bull, Nov. 1291, he says "were not on the surface of his flesh, but penetrated the interior, through his flesh, nerves and bones, in the five parts of his hands, feet and side, to a certain and suitable extent, so that it neither was nor could be done naturally, but only by a miraculous grace" (*Brit. Mag.*, N. CV, p. 137). Such being the case, the scars, as well as the man, have received the honor of canonization.

**Stounde.**—A while, an indefinite space of time, from Sax. *ſtund*, an hour; Mod. Germ. *Stunde*. In the legend of *Owayne Myles*—

"The wat' ſtonke fowle þer to  
And dede þe ſoles mykyll woo ;  
Vp þe come to eſe hem a ſtownde :  
þe dueleſ drewe he' ageyn to g'wnde."

Again :—

"Then he toke þe c'ſſe 't þe ſtaſ yn honde  
And wente forth yn to þe holy londe ;  
Agayn he come hole 't ſownde  
And aft' þ' lyuede a g'te ſtownde."

*Cott. MS., Caligula, A. II, fo. 91 b. & 93.*

**Strages Sandomiræ.**—See *Festum Visitationis Occisorum*. This was a slaughter of Christians by the Tartars, in 1260. The place is still visited, and the festival celebrated, June 2, by a concourse of people, as if the slain were martyrs.—*Cromer, Rer. Polon.*, I. IX ; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 87 b.

**Succinctio Campanarum.**—The ceremony of tying up the bell-ropes aloft, which took place on Wednesday of Passion Week (see *Hebdomada Muta, Dies Muti*) : "Tertio kal. April. feria XXX in succinctione campanarum." —*Galbert. in Vita Caroli Comitis Flandr.*, n. 84.

**SULPICIUS.**—Jan. 17 : E. 449. Another, a martyr, Apr. 20.—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 78 b.

**Summer.**—The Icelanders count only two seasons, Summer, which begins April 16, and Winter, which begins Oct. 18.—*Vom. Twil., Letter 10.*

**Summerings.**—Midsummer games and pastimes.

**Sunday.**—The first day of the week, when not distinguished as the day of a principal festival, such as Easter, Palm Sunday, and the like, was anciently denominated from the introit, or first words, of the anthem, hymn, or collect of the day. This custom has been continued to some of the Sundays in Lent, as *Invocavit* for the first, *Reminiscere* for the second, *Oculi* the third, *Lectare* the fourth, and *Judica* for Passion Sunday. "This day," says Mr. Fosbrooke, under the head **SUNDAY**, "has always been subject to the ex-

tremes of observation or neglect. We find it most religiously observed, and no business to be done upon it [xv *Script.*, 380 ; x *Script.*, 830, 834]. On the contrary, we also find markets held (with, indeed, a limitation, except for provisions), and trading and working upon this day (*Dec. Script.*, 1079; *Script. p. Bed.*, 467 : *M. Paris*, 169, 523). Battles, &c., were often suspended because it was Sunday (*Hawk. Mus.*, II, 120 ; III, 264, 506). Dressing well on this day is ancient. Bear and bull-baiting, and all kinds of games, were not unusual after church. In the 17th century, the people, in almost every house, passed the Sunday evening in singing psalms and reading the Book of martyrs (*Id.*, II, 432 ; III, 71)." — *Encyclop. Antiquit.*, v. II, p. 698.

Constantine the Great, in 321, then a recent convert to Christianity, artfully balanced the hopes and fears of his subjects, by publishing two edicts, in the first of which he enjoined the solemn observance of Sunday throughout the Roman empire ; and, in the other, he directed the regular consultation of the auspices (*Gibbon Decl.*, v. III, ch. 20, p. 241). In order not to offend his pagan subjects, he styles the day *Dies Solis*, the sun's day ; and he permits agricultural labor on this day, in conformity with an ancient practice, probably founded on the observation of mankind, that Nature pays no regard to festival days, but continues her operations without interruption :—

" Quippe etiam festis quedam exercere diebus  
Fas et jura sinunt : rivos deducere nulla  
Relligio vetuit, segeti prætendere sepem," &c.

*Virg. Geo. l. I, v. 268.*

" Some works on Holidayes are to be done :  
To draw out water, no Religion  
Nor Law forbids us ; nor to hedge our corn,  
And snares to lay for birds, to burn the thorn," &c.

*Ogilby.*

Theodosius and Honorius, about 395 ordered the governors of provinces to regard no time of Lent, not even to except the venerable festival of Easter Sunday, when robbers were to be tried and punished (*Salmuth. in Panciroll.*, p. ii, tit. 22, p. 298). The council of Tarragona, in 464, c. 14, ordained that it was lawful for a priest or bishop to sift a cause on a Sunday. In 538 the council of Orleans III, in the time of Childebert and pope Vigilius, can. 27, decreed, that whereas the people are persuaded that they must not travel with horses, oxen, and carriages, nor prepare anything for food, nor by any means do ought belonging to cleaning the body, which things are proved to appertain more to Jewish than Christian observances, we have decreed that what was before lawful to be done, shall be so still. As to agricultural labour, we think it should be abstained from for the sake of coming to church and prayer. If any shall be found employed in such work as is prohibited, the mode of correction depends upon the judgment of a priest and not that of a layman. The reason of these enactments in

Gaul and Spain was the necessity of recovering the people from their superstition of the Jews, of whom there were great numbers in both countries, and of preventing from falling into ruinous sloth and disgusting habits of uncleanliness.

In England, by the laws of Ina, 689, who afterwards became a monk, a slave by his master's order might work on a Sunday, but the master was fined 30<sup>s</sup>; a large sum in those days. A freeman for the same offence lost his liberty (*Ll. c. 3; Bromt. Chron., col. 761*). Alfred enacts that if any one presume to business on this day he shall lose chattels and suffer a pecuniary fine (*Ll. c. 7, ib. 890*). The laws of Athelstan prohibit business and forensic pleadings under a like penalty (*Ll. c. 24, ib. 844*). Sunday, by the laws of Edgar, commenced at the 9th hour of Saturday (our three o'clock), and continued until daylight on Monday (*Ll. c. 5, ib. 871*). Canute prohibits public markets, conventicles of pleadings, sales and other secular transactions, except upon urgent necessity (*Ll. c. 14, ib. 920*).

The Norman conqueror enacted some laws for the observance of particular days, in one of which Sunday is made to commence at 3 o'clock on Saturday and end on Monday morning, imitating the Jewish sabbath as much as possible: "Item omnibus Sabbatis ab hora nona usque ad diem Lunæ" (*Ll. c. 11; Rog. Hoveden, p. 601*). The people seem to have neglected to gratify the wishes of the monkish legislators under the princes of this line; we find the historians relating visions which have for their object the enforcing of its solemn observance as the especial command of heaven. On Whitsunday, 1154, says Knyghton, a tall thin man of a yellow colour, with round tonsure and clothed in white, addressed Henry II in the Teutonic language as the "Gode old Kyng," and informed him that Christ and his pious mother, St. John the Baptist and St. Peter sent him their respects, firmly commanding him to prohibit any markets or servile labours on Sunday, except in the articles of food, and promising that he should succeed in all his undertakings accordingly as he observed this mandate (*Hen. de Knyghton, l. II, col. 2395*). Impostures of this kind abounded to a much later period. See *Vol. I, p. 242, note*.

Very soon after the corruption of Christianity, by a piece of audacity which could not be expected from any but a priestly legislator, the greater part of Saturday was laid under the same prohibitions as Sunday itself with respect to labour. The bigotted and the hypocritical of all ages seem the first to be actuated by a desire to supersede the Christian law, by the introduction of the Jewish dispensation, and the latter to injure or, at least, to harass the lower and more industrious classes. Laws of this kind have been mentioned. Sundays and other festivals had long been observed from vespers to vespers, but the protraction of cessation of useful labour from Saturday noon to Monday morning was highly oppressive. William of Scotland, in 1203, decreed in council that Sunday, commencing from 12 o'clock on Saturday should be kept sacred until Monday, and that it should be indicated to the people by ringing bells (*Hect. Boeth. de Scotis, l. XIII*). The observance was fanatical elsewhere: Ilaus, of Sweden, having cut his staff into pieces, was reminded that he had violated the Sabbath, on which he carefully picked up the slips and burned them upon his hand in order to

punish himself for neglecting the commandment of God (*Cranz. Metrop.*, l. IV, c. 8; *Hospi. de Fest.*, fo. 31). A similar story is told in the 13th century of St. Richard.—See *Schere purday*.

This mode of observing the Sunday occasioned an epigram of point as well as sound sense, which has been preserved by Camden:

“Tende manus, Salomon, ut de stercore tollam ;”  
 “Sabbata nostra colo, de stercore surgere nolo.”  
 “Sabbata nostra quidem, Salomon, celebrabis ibidem.”

*Remains, p. 442.*

“Christ.—Stretch me thy hand out, and, Jew, I'll pull thee to land out.  
 Jew.—Our Sabbath I keep, Sir, and can't leave the dung heap, Sir.  
 Christ.—Then stay in the heap, Jew ; my Sabbath thou shalt keep too.”

The circumstance in which it originated is briefly recorded in the *Chronicon de Evesham*, which Leland supposes to have been contemporary: In the year 1260, a Jew at Twekesbyri fell into a privy on the Sabbath, and out of reverence for the day would not suffer himself to be drawn out. Richard, duke of Gloucester, out of reverence for the Sunday, would not permit him to be drawn out the next day, and he died (*Lei. Collectan.*, t. I, p. 288.) The joke, if it were one, has been attributed to a bishop of Magdeburg. Barrington relates it from Howel's *Londinopolis*, and adds, “by this cruel joke the poor Jew was suffocated (*Obser. on Stat. de Judaismo*). If it were real, and no joke, one would suppose that absurd fanaticism could go no farther ; truth, however, often transcends fiction : a Nantes newspaper (*Le Breton*, July 30, 1835,) relates that three men were buried alive 430 feet deep in the shaft of a coal mine at Montelais, by the bursting of its sides. Their fellow workmen with difficulty saved one man, “but Sunday morning interrupted their work till Monday morning,” and of course the others perished.

In 1292, William le Maire (Gullielmus Major), bishop of Angers, convoked his thir<sup>d</sup> synod, when a statute was passed which closely resembles the puritanical enactments of this country under the protectorate. From the first section, or preamble, of the act, we learn merely that the bishops his predecessors had issued some injunctions on the subject to the rectors and chaplains of the diocese ; the second is an enactment to the following effect: “Whereas on festival days, which are interdicted in reverence of God and his saints, and particularly on Sundays, which are consecrated in honour of the highest majesty, the faithful of Christ are to abstain from all servile labour, we command and enjoin all and singular our rectors and chaplains in virtue of their obedience to inhibit their parishioners under manifestation of divine judgment, and pain of excommunication from mixing themselves in any servile work on the said festival days, particularly Sundays, and especially barbers [“barbiton soribus”] from shaving beards or otherwise exercising the office of barber on the said Sundays ; and even from blood-letting, except when there is imminent peril of death or infirmity. Inhibiting their parishioners [“subditis suis”] under the pain aforesaid, from shaving themselves on Sundays, or suffering others to shave

them, or receiving any barber-like office on peril of their souls. Inhibiting also all millers whomsoever, on pain of the aforesaid excommunication, and the owners of mills from causing or suffering their mills to grind on the said Sundays, especially from vespers on Saturday to vespers on Sunday, notwithstanding the abuse of a long standing, which should not be deemed a use or custom, but truly a corruption [corruptela], since the heavier the sins the longer they detain the unhappy soul in bonds [infelicem animam detinuerint alligatam]; because no prescription can avail against the precepts of the decalogue."—*D'Achery, Spicil., t. XI, p. 201.*

Notwithstanding this severe and minute prohibition of shaving, we find that the Sunday named *Misericordia Domini* had, long before the bishop of Anjou, been one of the days set apart for shaving the brethren in the austere monastery of Cluny; and, in fact, Udalric has written a chapter expressly on this subject.—*Antiq. Consuet. Mon. Clun., l. III, c. 16; D'Achery, t. I, p. 695, Ed. Fol.*

In the reign of our Edward III, Sunday was not deemed an improper day for taking inquisitions of the ninths: "Die dominica medie quadragesimæ anno r. r. E. t'cij a conquestu xv<sup>mo</sup>." (*Inquis. Nonar.*, p. 380). A more secular business could not well be imagined, and this is not the only case; parliaments were frequently held on Sundays in this reign (*Cotton, Abridgm. by Prynne*, pp. 36, 51, 108, &c.) The story of the "Gode old Kyng," quoted from Knyghton, is introduced in the petition against "Feyres and Markets from the devoute comyns" to Henry VI in the 27th year of his reign. It is a curious specimen of the language, as well as of the bigotry, which prevailed at that period of our history. They "mekely prayn him to consider the obhomynable wrongys and vylanys don to our lord God and his holy seytis our synguler helpers and socourers alwey at our most nedys, be cause of feiris & Marketis hold custumabli and synfulli used uppon hir hy & holy principlall festis as the Ascension of our Lord, Corporis Cristi day, Whit Sunday, Trinite Sunday with other Sundays, also uppon the hie fest of the Assumption of our Lady, All Halowyn Day, and Goode Friday, &c." against the following texts: "Si vis ad vitam ingredi serva mandata, &c."—St. Matt.; "Maledicti qui declinant a mandatis tuis," by David Nether aferd, &c. (see the remainder in *note, vol. I, p. 242, &c.*) The result of this petition was the statute 27 Hen. VI, c. 5, which enacted that no fair or market shall be held on the principal festivals, Good Friday, or any Sunday (except the four Sundays in harvest,) on pain of forfeiting the goods exposed for sale. Clergymen themselves in this reign made contracts and disposed of landed property on the Sunday (*Harl. MS. 2042, fo. 330 b*). The fanatics of the 17th century improved upon this statute; and, says Archbishop Laud, who was not a man to relinquish formalities, "This Calvin hath in the meane time assured me, that those men who stand so strictly upon the morality of the sabbath, do by a gross and carnal sabbatization, three times outgo the superstition of the Jews: "Crassa carnalique Sabbatismi superstitione ter Judeos superant"—*Calvin, 2 Inst., c. 8, s. 34*" (*State Trials, v. I, p. 900*). At Chester in 1611, Midsummer Eve being on Sunday, Mr. Mayor caused the watch to be set forth the day before, "although that some were unworthy thereof." This was an act of prudence, but the following was an act of

Injustice and inhumanity, perpetrated from an affection of sanctity:—“ 1612, The mayor being persuaded that the Sabbath day should be truly kept, he caused the reapers to be removed, that came every Sunday in the harvest-time to be hired for the week following” (*Ormerod, Hist. Chesh.*, v. I, p. 202). To the instances of Parliaments being held on this day, might be added that, in 16 Car. I, the puritans themselves did not scruple to sit on the Sunday, when their own worldly interests required the profanation. “ Aug. 18. the house of Commons were summoned to sit upon the Sunday being a case of great necessity. They had a sermon and returned to the house about 9 o'clock, and sat all day long, passing a resolution to enter upon no business which did not concern the advancement of religion and the welfare of the kingdom, and a declaration that it be not drawn into a precedent” (*Rushworth, v. IV*, p. 361-2). Canute forbade the assembling of the folcgemote on Sunday, except on urgent occasion—mýcelne neodþýnre (*Ll. cap. 16*). Those who would blend the strict performance of religious duties with innocent relaxations, may find their resolution invigorated by an admirable and liberal paper in the *Rambler*, No. XXX—and those who would, from conscientious motives, condemn all relaxation, may be reminded, by the philosophical observations of Dr. Forster, of the public demoralization which is invariably caused by their impertinent interference.

**Suscepimus, Deus.**—Introit, and name of the 8th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Susceptio Sanctæ Crucis.**—Lent, among the Greeks.

**SWITHUN.**—July 2; Translation, July 15: V. 428; T. 441; E. 455. Ordination, Oct. 30: V. 431. A bishop of Winchester about 860 (861, *Chron. Sax.*, or 862, *Will. Malmesbur. Pontif.*, l. II.) The Saxon homily on St. Swithun does not contain the slightest reference to the prognostication of rain, which is popularly annexed to his day. Though the name is Swithun, there is ancient authority for the modern orthography:

“ Seint Swibbin þe confessor was her of Engelonde.  
Biside Wynchestre he was ibore as ich vnderstonde.  
Bi þe kinges day Egberd þis gode man was ibore.  
þt þo was king of Engeland & somewhat ek bifore.”

*Harl. MS., 2247, fo. 78.*

**Symayne.**—A Week, in our Fr. records, as in the will of Henry, duke of Lancaster, 1360: “ Et volons q' n're corps ne demeorge de-senterrez outre troies symaynes apres le departir del alme.”—*Baines, Hist. Lanc.*, v. I, p. 334.

**SYMON.**—Jan. 5: G. 397—& **JUDE**, Oct. 28: V. 431.

**SYMPHORIAN.**—Aug. 22: E. 456. A martyr in the time of Aurelian, about 270.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 98.

**SYSTUS.**—See *Sixtus*. “ VIII id. Aug. Natalis Sancti Syste episcopi et martyris Romæ.”—*Kal. Carthag.*; *Mabillon, Veter. Analect.*, p. 166.

**TABBE, TABBS Day.**—A corruption of St. Ebba's Day, Aug. 25.

**TALKAMUNDE.**—A corruption of St. Alemund, March 19.

**TATHAN.**—A corruption of St. Aithan, or Aidan.

**TAURINUS.**—Aug. 11: E. 456. A bishop in 3rd cent.

**TEATH.**—A corruption of St. Etha.

**TECCA, TECLA, THECLA.**—Sept. 23: G. 414; E. 457. According to St. Jerome, Feb. 22: “*vii Kalendas Martii, Natalis Teclæ Virginis*” (*Hieron. Martyrol.*); but in 1329, it was confirmed to be celebrated *ix kal. Oct.*, or Sept. 23, as it had been for two or three centuries before: Sept. 23 in the *Menol. Sax.* She was a virgin martyr at Ieonium, under Nero, *ix kal. Oct.* (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VIII, c. 110). **TECCA**, Sept. 12: G. 413.—*Ib.*, c. 29.

**Teffaigne.**—In our Fr. records, the Epiphany, or rather a corruption of the Theophany, which is another name of Jan. 6, or the Epiphany. It occurs also in Petr. de Fontaines—*Concil.*, c. 5, s. 6.

**TELME.**—A corruption of St. Elme, or Erasmus, a bp. & mart. in the 4th cent., June 3.

**Tempora.**—Seasons, or tides as applied to periodical fasts.

**Tempora Æstivalia.**—The Summer fasts, or ember days of Pentecost.

**Tempora Autumnalia.**—The fasts of Autumn, the ember days of September.

**Tempora de Primavera.**—The ember-days of Lent. The Italians call the fasts *Quattro Tempi di Primavera*.

**Tempora Hiemalia, or Hiemis.**—The Winter fast, or ember days of December.

**Temporalis Dies.**—The last day of a space of time, allowed by the canon law to prosecute or to renew an appeal, on the expiration of which the cause itself expires.

**Tempora Retroacta.**—Times past. In a charter granted by Hen. VI, an. 1457, which is preserved in Jo. Whethamsted's *Chronicle*, p. 422, we read—“*Pro perpetuo modo et forma, sicut tempore retroacto declarabitur.*”

**Tempora Vernalia.**—The same as *Temp. de Primavera*.

**Tempus Carnale.**—Flesh or carnival time, during which flesh might be eaten. In a charter of an. 1365—“*Quadragesimali vel carnali tempore.*”—*Du Cange, Suppl.*, t. III, col. 974.

**Tempus Cineris et Cilicis.**—Said to be the week of Black Crosses (*Cruces Nigre, Litania Major*). See *Dies Cineris et Cilicis*.

**Tempus Defensionis.**—Defence, or Fence Month, *Tempus Vetitum*. In Wales, a stag was deemed in season from July 17 to Nov. 1.—*Cyffreithjeu Hywel Dha*, p. 564.

**Tempus Passionis, or Pessionis.**—In the forest laws, mast time, from Michaelmas to Martinmas, or about those festivals.

**Tempus Pinguidinis et Firmationis.**—The season of killing the buck and the doe. See *Femisonia*.

**Tempus Quadragesimale.**—See *Tempus Carnale*. It occurs in *Rot. Parl.*, (28 Hen. VI,) v. V, p. 172.

**Tempus Vetitum.**—See *Fence Month*.

**Tenables.**—The three nights before Easter. “Worshipfull frenedis, ye shall cum to holi chirch on Wednesday Thursday and Friday at even for to here dyvyne seruice as commendable custom of holi chirch hath ordeyned. And holi chirch vseth tho iij dayes Wednysday, Thursday & Friday þe service to be seide in þe Eventyde in derkenes. And hit is called w<sup>t</sup> diuers men Tenables, but holi chirch calleth it Tenebras as Racionale Diuinorum seth þt is to sey, thicnes or derknes to commemorate the betrayel of our lord by night” (*Harl. MS.*, 2247, fo. 83). See *Tenebrae*.

**Tenabulles.**—The same as *Tenables*; both from *Tenebrae*:—“ Gode men & wymmen, os ge seine þeise þre dayes for to sayne seruice in þe euontyde in darknesse wherfore hit is callyd wt gow Tenabulles, but holy churche callyth hit tenebras, þ'is to say derknesse. þan why þis seruice is done in derkenesse holy faderes wrytuth to vs þre skylles, On skylle is for enchesone þt criste þis nythe before þt he was takon he gode þre tymes into Payne þt hym was towarde, giff hit were his wille & elly noȝte, &c.—Anothur skylle is for anone astur mydnygte Jiudas gedurred fyfty knyntus strongge ȝ bolde w<sup>t</sup> op<sup>r</sup> grete cumpany of misse doerres ȝ come for to takon cryste, &c.—The þrydde skylle is for whan cryste was naylud fote ȝ hand hangyng on þe crosse þre owrus on þe day from vndron to none þe sunne withdrew hur lygte ȝ was also darke os nygte oure alle þe worlde” (*Cott. MS., Claud.*, A. II., fo. 53). See *Tenebrae*.

**Tenebrae.**—Darkness. The vigils of the three last nights of Passion Week, which are sung, and all the rites, which partake of the nature of a theatrical pantomime, are performed in darkness (*Rupert., de Div. Off.*, l. V., c. 24), are so called. All the ceremonies, which are too numerous, and of too little interest on account of their extreme puerility, to be described, are intended to represent, or symbolically imitate, the passion of our Saviour. From the directions given by Ælfric to the clergy of his archbishopric, it seems that, in England, nearly the same follies were commanded by this otherwise sensible and enlightened clergyman as are detailed by Durandus, and as are now performed in the modern chapels (*Epist. ad Sacerdotes*, *Cott. MS., Tiber.*, A. III., fo. 103 b, &c.) One ceremony, which has already been mentioned under *Festum Dominicæ Cænæ*, and which gives the name of *Tenebrae* to these vigils, is the extinction of the lights one by one. They are put out in this manner, to represent the miraculous darkness at the passion; and the darkness produced in the church further signifies the blindness of the Jews, who crucified our Saviour (*Rupert.*, c. 26). Because the bells are tied up (see *Succinctio Campanarum*), the three days are called *Dies Muti*, and the week, *Hebdomada* or *Septimana Muta*. See *Tenabulles*.

**TEOBALD.**—July 1: E. 455. See *THEOBALD*.

**TEODOSIA.**—April 3. *Theodosia*, A. D. 308.

**TEOFLE.**—*Theophilus*, Dec. 6:

“ Sent Teofle was a gret man. & gret clerk also.  
He gest mayster he was bifore. al vnder þe bischop ido.”

*Harl. MS., 2247, fo. 58.*

**Termini Censuales.**—Rent Days.

**Terminus Paschalis.**—See *Paschal Terms*.

**Terminus Rogationum.**—See *Rogations*.

**Terminus Quadragesimæ, Septuagesimæ.**—See *Quadragerima*, &c.

**Terminus.**—A Term, the commencement of a moveable feast, but in our ancient law, terminus was equivalent to *festum*, thus, the old translation of *Magna Charta* renders the words, “ad illum terminum sancti Michaelis” (cap. 35), “at the feast of St. Michael.”—*Rushworth, Stat.*, v. I, p. 99.

**Terms.**—(From the *Terminus* of the chronologists), spaces of time, during which the law-courts and universities are kept open. There are four terms

in the year, of which each is denominated from the festival immediately preceding it. In each law term are stated days of appearance, called *Dies in Banco*, which are usually a week from each other, and on which all original writs are returnable; whence they are also called *Return Days*. The first return is, properly speaking, the first day of the term. The days on which the court sits to hear reasons for non-appearance, are called *Essoign Days*. By st. 24 Geo. II, c. 18, the sittings are extended to 14 days after each term. In the law courts, the terms are Hilary, Easter, Trinity and Michaelmas Terms. In Scotland, the Terms form the cross quarters, Candlemas, Whitsuntide, Lammas & Martinmas. If any of the days on which the Terms should begin or end fall on Sunday, or other *Dies Non*; the day following is taken for business. In the universities the terms are different (see *Crastino S. VINCENTIS*; *Dies non Juridici*). In 932, the Council of Erfort enacted some regulations with regard to law days, which are considered to be the foundation of the Terms as now observed.—*Brady, Clavis Calend.*, v. I, p. 168.

**Tuesday.**—Tuesday. “ Wrete at Norwyche on ye teeday next aft’ y<sup>e</sup> co’verc’on seynt poull,” 1459 (*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 328). The Conversion of St. Paul, Jan. 25, in this year fell on Thursday, and the following Tuesday was the 30th. The writer seems to have remembered nothing of the time but the festival.

**Tessarcoste.**—The Quadragesima or Lent of the Greeks; the 40th day.  
**Tethe.**—Old participle, tithed, decreed, ordained, &c.; Sax. *teoð*. See *Clene Lente*, in the passage beginning—

“ Now beþ þ<sup>r</sup> to þ fourti dawes in six woukes iwis,”

and ending—

“ þ so moche ouer þe rigit tethe þr to we mote caste.”

Here the tethe, or ordained, days appear to be, Septuagesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima and Quadragesima, the trigessima, vicesima and decima, having other names. I render the passage thus:—

“ Now are there two & forty days in six weeks certainly,  
 And so much forth to Easterday right clean lent is;  
 But do away six Sundays & then remain there  
 Just six and thirty days the ten ding (*tithing*) of the year.  
 Take then four cleansing days and join also thereto:  
 Then hast [thou] an even forty days when they are thereto.  
 And so muche over the right appointed days thereto we must cast.”

It appears to me to be the participle of *teon*, *trahere*, *teob*, *tractus*, *dispositus*, *ordinatus*, decreed. See *Teyyes Dayes*.

**Tetrad.**—Among the Greeks, Wednesday, the fourth day of the week.

**Tewesday.**—Tuesday. *Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 37; v. I, p. 68.

**Teyyes Dayes.**—Appointed days. See *Tethe, Dominica Quadragesima*. Under the latter is a quotation from Mirk, in which he says: Then is quadragesima a number of forty, for from this time to Easter are forty days, the appointed days of the year, and because each man doth surfeit each day more or less,

therefore to make satisfaction for their guilt, each man is held by the law of God and holy church to fast these forty days. Teyye by a common antithesis of the Saxon *b* into *y*, is *teththe*. I take both this and *tethe* to be old participles of *teohhan*, instruere, ordinare, &c., from *teon*. If from *tyðian*, annuere, *donare*, it will make scarcely any difference in the explanation, as they are in that case days *laid out* or *granted* for Lent.

THECLA.—See TECCA.

THELWOLD. See ATHELWOLD.

THEOBALD.—July 1. (See THEOBALD.) A hermit of Vincentia, who died about 1050 under the emperor Henry II.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 36; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 115.

THEODORET.—March 22. A martyr in the time of Constantine, “x kal. Aprilis, Passio Sancti Theodoreti.”—*Kal. Carth. Mabillon*, V. I, *Anal.*, p. 187.

THEODORUS.—April 6; G. 403. A bishop of Aneyra.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 38.

THEODORUS.—Feb. 7. (*Vol. I, p. 167.*) A bishop of Heraclea in the time of Constantine the Great, about 319. In the Greek church Feb. 17. Gregory of Nazianzus has a panegyric on this Saint, and an inquiry into the cause of his commemoration.

THEODORUS.—Nov. 9: G. 417; V. 432; T. 445. There were two martyrs of this name on the same day, one of Amasin under Dioclesian and Maximin, (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. X, c. 39,) and a soldier of Heraclea under Licinius.—*Ib.*, c. 40.

THEODORUS.—Dec. 7: G. 419. Besides the above there were—1, Theodore, abbot of Tabenna, 367, Dec. 28; 2, in 821, Nov. 22; 3, Theodore Grapt, 822, Dec. 27; 4, Theodore the Studite, 826, Nov. 27.

THEODOSIA.—April 3: G. 403. A virgin of 16 years, martyred at Cæsarea under Dioclesian, “xxxi non. April.”—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 25.

THEODULUS.—Feb. 17.

THEONIS.—April 24; J. 404, n. Theonas, a bishop “x kal. Sept.” (*Pet. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 98,) or an abbot, c. 98.

Theophanin, Theophany.—Jan. 16, the day of the Epiphany. The word signifies the manifestation or appearance of God (See *Epiphaniz*.) “Theophania seu Baptismum Jesu Christi,” is the title of a homily by Chrysostom (*Oper.*, t. V, *hom.* 74, *Ed. Savil.*) The Theophany is said to be a more ancient festival than the Epiphany, but it seems to be nothing more than a synonyme as regards religious rites. The Φωτισμόν, or illumination, in commemoration of the Baptism of Christ is one thing, and Epiphany and Theophany are others, but celebrated on the same day; so of the Bethphania, Phagiphania. All the names given to the ceremonies of Jan. 6, except Epiphany and Theophany, belong to different events. See the extract from a MS. homily, p. 119.

“Octavo ante idus agitur Theophania sanctum.”

*Bed. Oper.*, t. I, p. 243.

“Theophonie.” *Chron. Sax.*, ann. 1118.

Thephan.—Theophany, in our Fr. records: “La vigile de Thephan.”

*Thetha.*—See *Teath*.

*Thiefane.*—The Theophany, in the old metrical life of St. Brandin :

“ Tu doies icy celebrer  
 Le Noel Dieu et demorer,  
 En jusqu’ a l’apparition  
 Lors remestroient li compaignon  
 Quant la Thiefane fut passée  
 Si orient lor nef aprestée.” *La Vie de S. Brandin.*

**THOMAS, Apostle.**—Dec. 21 : G. 420 ; V. 433 ; T. 446 ; E. 460 ; L. 472. This is his translation. “ Suche a day ge schul haue Sent Thomas day þt was crystes holy apostel þ ge schul faste þt euen & specyalys schal worschep hym for þre bynges þt hys holy apostel hadde þt ys to say for h<sup>e</sup> heygh p<sup>u</sup>yng of oure fey, for grete wondres in his way and grete myraclis on his day.”—(*Cott. MS. Claud. A. II, fo. 11.*) July 3 : G. 409. This is his *Natalis*.

**THOMAS AQUINAS.**—March 7 ; in Paris, July 18. He died in 1272, and was canonized by John XXII.—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 17 b.

**THOMAS of Canterbury.**—July 7 : E. 455. This is his Translation ; his Passion, Dec. 29 : E. 460.

**THOMAS of Hereford.**—Oct. 2 : D. 458.

**THOMAS le Martyr.**—July 7 : L. 467. This is Thomas à Becket, archbp. of Canterbury. This is his Translation ; his Passion, Dec. 29, L. 472.

**THOMAS of Ynde.**—Dec. 21 & July 3. “ Goode men & wemen sucha a day ge schalle haue sent Thomas day of Ynde þt was goddus holy apostyll þt whiche euen ge schalle faste & cum to þe churche on þe day to worschep god & his holy apostell sent Thomas” (*Lansdowne MS.*, 392, fo. 8 b). “ Suche a day N. ye schal haue seyt Thomas day of Ynde” (*Harl. MS.*, 2403, fo. 12). St. Thomas of the Apostle is reported by tradition to have gone into India : “ Thomam in Indianam usque penetravit” (*Baron., Annal.*, an. 44). “ Thomas Parthos sortitus” (*Pol. Verg.*, l. IV, c. 2, p. 219 ; see *Festum Divisionis Apostolorum*). The two days occur thus in the Kalendar of Arras, an. 826 : “ v non. Julii Apud Edessam Sancti Thomæ Apostoli ;” and “ XII kal. Jan. In India Translatio Sancti Thomæ Apostoli.” The Translation was made in the time of the emperor Alexander, July 3 (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 44). As there are several days to which the name of Thomas is annexed in the kalendars, the following date is vague : “ Wretyn at Bruggys the Fryday next aftyr seyt Thomas.”—*Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 8.

**Thoresene.**—Eve of Holy Thursday, in *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 394 :

“ Hii by gonне an holy Thoresene, þen toun asaly þere  
 Stalwardlyche þ vaste ynou, noblemen is þt were.”

**Thornagium.**—See *Hybernagium*.

**Thorsdai, Thorsday.**—The day of Thor, corrupted to Thurday and Thursday. —*Robert of Glouc.*, p. 297, 505, 507, 532 ; *Robert of Brunne*, p. 93, 290, &c. ; *Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 36-8, &c.

**Thorysdaye.**—The same. “ Thorysdaye in Esterne weke.”—*Paston Letters*, v. II, p. 66.

Thre Kynges Day.—Jan. 6. With the empress Maud, wife of Henry II, first peace came into England, of which there was none before :

“ And pays also vorst myd hyre, vor erst nas þer non  
By þys þre kynges Day, þat uncunde were echon.”

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 423.*

Thrymyle Monath.—May : V. 426. The Saxon Menology (*Jul. D. A. X.*), has the following explanation of this term :—Donne on þone fiftan monað (*sic*) on geaneþ bið an 7 þrūting daga. 7e monað is nemned on læden manig 7 on uine geseoðe þrūmilce. forðon rygle genihtrumner ƿær geo on Brūtōne. 7 eac on Geiðmania lande of ðæm ongla 7eo on þar Brēotōne þi on þæm monðe þriwa on dæge mylcedon heora neat—Then in the fifth month of the year are one & thirty days. The month is named in Latin *Maius* & in our language Thrymilde, because such abundance there was of yore in Britain, & also in the land of Germany, from which the Angles came, that they in this month milked their cattle thrice a day.

Thursday.—Thursday, in *Robert of Brunne*, p. 93 :

“ On a Thurday at nyght at even he gede to reste,  
To hunte þer he had tiget in his new foreste.”

Thursday.—“ They worshipped Jupiter also under the German-Celtic denominations of Thor, Thur or Thunder, as *Tor-an* & *Tur-wr* signify thunder in Irish and Welsh, and as we have a Roman British inscription discovered at Chester : *I. O. M. Tanaro*—to Jupiter the Thunder (*Horeley*).—The name was originally Thoran, Thorn, as a circus of stone dedicated to this day, in Iceland, is denominated *Thornes Thing* at present.—*Dan. Mon.*, p. 27); and the present appellations of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday are, as the latter is similarly denominated in Dutch, *Thunderday*, remain to the present hour lively memorials of the idolatry of our forefathers” (*Whitaker, Hist. Manch.*, v. II, p. 359). Thor lends his name to the Swedish January, which is called *Thoremonath*.

Thwelfth.—The Twelfth Day, in *Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 152.

**TIBURTIIUS.**—April 14 : G. 403; V. 425; T. 438; E. 452. *Tiburtius*, or *Tiburtius*, Valerian & Maximus, were martyrs at Rome under Almagius, prefect of the city (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. IV, c. 51). Hospinian says that he suffered in 174, under the emperor Commodus, because he would not sacrifice to Jupiter.—*De Fest.*, fo. 78.

**TIBURTIIUS.**—Aug. 11: G. 411; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. A martyr at Rome, under Dioclesian and Maximin.—*Vincent.*, l. XII, c. 17; *Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 46; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 127.

**TIBURTIIUS.**—Aug. 12; the day on which the Danes sometimes began the year.

**Tid, Tide.**—This is the Saxon word for hour, tide, time, ebb and flow of the sea, and also the day of a festival, or the festival itself. The following computation is transcribed from the MS. *Titus D. XXVII*, fo. 25 b : *Dir full gen ƿepel monþar fulle 7 enðluran daga 7 ƿix tida. þi is þonne ȝneo hund daga 7 ƿif 7 rixtig daga 7 feorðan ƿæl ƿæger. þi ƿynðon ƿix tida þær bið ƿra 7 ƿifti pucena. 7 eahta þurhna tida. 7 ƿeouan*

hund' ȝ fifti. hund' eahtatig þurhda hpila ȝ rix hund'. Þa man hateþ minuta. ȝ reowan þurhda ȝ rix hund'. þonne bið þær eac beonhta hpila þeo hund' þurhda. ȝ fifti þurhda. fir hund' ȝ trentig þonne bið þær fir ȝ þrettig þurhda pñida\* ȝ feoþentig. On anre sefēn neahlichec tīde beod feopen punctas ten minuta fiftene pñtēr feoþentig momenta be runne manna tale.—“The full year contains 12 full months, 11 days, and 6 hours; that is, then, 365½ days, or 365 days, 6 hours. Of this are two & 50 weeks. And 8000 hours & 760 (i. e. 8760 hours) and 80000 whiles & 600 which are called minutes (i. 80,000 whiles or minutes). And 7000 and 600. Then there are also of bright whiles 300,000 & 50520 (i. 350520 bright whiles). Three are 35,040 prides. In one equal hour there are 4 points, 10 minutes, 15 parts and 40 moments by some men's reckoning.” The first part of this computation, although erroneous, presents no difficulty. The writer means that a full year is equal to 12 m. 11 d. 6 h. or 365 d. 6 h. which make 52 weeks. In one day are 80,600 minutes which are our seconds. A day contains 350,520 bright whiles. Then he says, in one hour are 4 points; one point contains 10 minutes, 15 parts, or 40 moments.

The computation of Bridforth, a monk of Ramsey about 980, contained in his treatise *De Computo Ecclesiastico*, preserved among the Ashmolean MSS. in the Bodleian Library (*Cod. 6682 & 7420*), is as follows: Fir hund' ȝ feopen ȝ ryxtig atomi ȝepýncað an momentum. feopeni momenta ȝepýllað minutum. ȝ tregeen minuta ȝ healf ȝepýncað anne pñican ȝ feopeni pñica ȝepýncað an tīd on þeƿe runnan myne. ȝ rix tīda pñicasð anne ȝyndling. ȝ feopeni ȝyndlingasð anne ȝæg. ȝ feopen ȝdagasð ane pñican.—“564 atoms make 1 moment; 4 moments fill a minute; 2½ minutes make 1 prick, and 4 pricks make, in the sun's course, one hour; and 6 hours make 1 quarter, and 4 quarters 1 day, and 7 days 1 week.”

As to tides, the following occurs in the *MS. Titus*: Heñ ȝ reo enðe byñðneñ monan gonger ȝ ȝæf floðer. On þeoðna nihta ealðne monan panað ȝe ȝæfloð. ofþ ȝe mona bið .xi. nihta ealð. ofþe .xii. Of .xi. nihta ealðum monan peaxeð ȝe ȝæfloð. ofþ .xii. nihta ealðum monan. pñam .xii. nihta ealðum monan. panað ȝe ȝæfloð of .xxiii. nihta ealðum monan. Of .xxiii. nihta ealðum monan peaxeð ȝe floð. ofþ ȝe mona bið eft þeoðna nihta ealð (*fo. 56 b.*)—Here is the order of the course of the moon and the sea-flood, until the moon be 11 or 12 nights old. On a three nights' old moon the sea-flood diminishes till the moon be 11 or 12 nights' old. From a moon of 11 nights' old to a moon of 15 nights' old, the sea-flood increases. From a moon of 15 nights' old to a moon of 23 nights' old the sea-flood ebbs. From a moon of 23 nights' old the sea-flood flows till the moon be again 3 nights' old. Sometimes tide, in English, is joined with the name of a saint. In the case of Col. Fiennes, 19 Car. I: “He told Mr. Talbois that he should not be in Bristol at St. James's tide then next ensuing, and used such expressions as made him

\* This word is not very distinct in the manuscript, but may it not be pñicar, for pñicasð?

believe he meant to surrender the town by that time (as he did the very next day after St. James's Feast)—*State Trials*, v. I, p. 783. It is found in several compounds, as Shrovetide, Whitsuntide, &c.

**Tiefane.**—The Theophany, in our records and French kalendars of the 13th century.

**TIGNAN.**—A corruption of St. Agnan, or *Aignan*, Nov. 17.

**TIMON.**—Apr. 19. A deacon & martyr, the first of the seven elected by the apostles. He went to preach at Corinth, and was there cast into the flames, but coming out unhurt, he was crucified by the Jews and Greeks.—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 78 b.

**TIMOTHEUS, TIMOTHY.**—Jan. 8: G. 397.

**TIMOTHEUS & APOLLINARIS.**—Aug. 23: E. 456.

**TIMOTHEUS & SYMPHORIANUS.**—Aug. 22: V. 429 (*Ubi Simphonianus*); T. 442; E. 456. There were also—1, Timotheus, Jan. 13; 2, Jan. 21, at Paris, March 31; 3, Timotheus, Polius & Eutychius, martyrs in Mauritania, May 21.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 28; t. XI, c. ult., n. 30.

**Tiphayne, Tipheyne.**—The Theophany, in our Fr. records; as in the letter of safe conduct of Henry III to his insurgent barons, in 1261: “E ceo denz la tiphayne procheine a venir” (*Rymer, Fœd.*, t. I, p. 412); and the date of the letter from John, duke of Brabant, on the marriage of his son to the king’s daughter. “Faites et donnez en l’an de l’incarnation nostre segnor, MCCLXXVIII, le jour de Tipheyne.”—*Ibid.*, p. 549.

**Tuesday.**—Tuesday, Saxon and old Engl.

**TOMAS.**—See **THOMAS**. Robert of Gloucester relates the Translation of Thomas a Becket thus (p. 518):

“ The king wende þo to Canterbury, ¶ heie men al so  
To mine vp sein Tomas body, ¶ in to sryne do,  
Erst he adde ileye an erþe vnryned vifti ger.”

**TOMBE.**—A corruption of St. Omer (*Audomarus*), Sept. 9.

**TOMOTHEUS.**—Aug. 22: G. 419. A priest & martyr at Rome under Valerian.—*Petr. de Natal.*, VII, c. 91.

**TOOLEY.**—A corruption of St. Olave, or, as Camden has it, St. Olye, Apr. 14.—*Remains*, p. 123.

**Tooses.**—A corruption of St. Osithes (Oct. 7).—*Bailey, Life of Bishop Fisher*, p. 88.

**TORPETUS.**—May 17. A Pisan, who erected a temple to Diana, where he formed a brazen sphere, supported on 90 columns, with figures of the sun, moon & stars, which rose and set, and with pipes, through which water dropped so as to imitate rain. He also imitated thunder, by a subterranean invention. He was a counsellor of the emperor Nero, who ordered him to be beheaded on his conversion to Christianity. His body was thrown into the sea, but was cast on shore in Spain, where it was honorably interred on this day, in a place on which a church was afterwards erected, and his feast celebrated on the anniversary of his funeral.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 8; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 86.

**TORQUATUS.**—May 15. A bishop of Actium.

**TOSSET’S Day.**—A corruption of St. Oswald’s Day, Aug. 5.—*Baines, Hist. Lanc.*, v. IV, p. 550.

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**TOWN.**—A corruption of St. Owen, Aug. 24.

**Traditions, des.**—Wednesday of the third week in Lent, among the French.

**Transfiguracio Domini.**—Transfiguration of our Lord, Aug. 6: D. 45.

**Transfigurationis Dominica.**—Sunday of the Transfiguration, is the second in Lent.

**Transfiguration of our Lord.**—Aug. 6. This appears to have been celebrated July 27, in 845 (*Revelat. Elegans de Pane Eucharistico, apud Mabillon, Analect. Veter., p. 550*). See *Festum Transfigurationis*.

**Translation.**—The removal of a saint's remains from one place of interment to another: “Suche a day ge schal haue seynt Thomes day of Caunterbyri. þt day ge schal come to chyrch in worschep of god & seynt Thomes, for þt day he was translated, þt is to say, he was takyn vp of hys graue & hys bonys layde in a schryne” (*Cott. MS., Claud. A. II., fo. 87*; see *Relics*.)

Translation of St. Athelwold, Sept. 10: V. 430; T. 443.

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St. Benedict, or Benett, July 11: G. 409; V. 428; T. 441;  
E. 455; L. 467.

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St. Birinus and Cuthbert, Sept. 4: V. 430; T. 443; E. 457;  
L. 469.

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St. Eadburge, July 18: T. 440; V. 428.

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St. Eadmund, or Edmund, June 9: V. 427.

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St. Eadweard, or Edward, June 20: L. 466.

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St. Felix in Pincis, Jan. 14.

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St. Fritheswide, Nov. 12.

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St. Judoc, Jan. 9.

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St. Martin, July 4.

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St. Swithun, July 15.

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St. Thomas of Canterbury, July 7.

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St. Wolstan, or Wulstan, Jan. 24.

**Trenyte.**—The festival of the Trinity. “No mor I wryte to yow atte this, but ye holy trenyte hawe yow in kepyng. Wretyn in Norweche on trenyte Sune day.”—*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 20.

**Tres Pueri.**—The three Boys, Jan. 24: G. 398 (See **BABILLA**). There is also a festival of this name, Sept. 12, in commemoration of three boys who were martyred at Ancyra.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult., n. 236.

**Tricennalia.**—Commemorations, similar to *Annualia* or anniversaries, but taking place once every three years. By the constitutions of Richard, bishop of Sarum, in 1217, laymen and others are forbidden to give or bequeath anything in their wills “pro annualibus vel tricennalibus missarum.”—*Spelman, Concil.*, t. II, p. 141.

**Triduana.**—A feast of three days.

**Triduane Litaniæ.**—The Litania Minor was so called, because it fell three days before the Ascension. It was celebrated by all the German, French, and English churches.

**Triennalia.**—The same as *Tricennalia*, in the constitutions of Richard, bishop of Durham in 1220.—*Spelm., Concil.*, t. II, p. 165.

**Trigintalia.**—An Anniversary Day, in the rubric of a MS. homily (temp. Edw. IV.): “In die sepultare, seu trigintali, seu anniversariis alicujus defuncti.”—*Harl. MS.*, 2247, fo. 206.

**Trilidi.**—An embolismal year, containing three superfluous months, called *Lida*.

—See *Menses*.

**Trimestrium.**—A space of three months.

**Trimilchi.**—See *Thrymilce Monath*. “Trimilchi dicebatur quod tribus vi-  
bus in ea per diem pecora mulgebantur. Talis erat quondam ubertas Bri-  
tanniae, vel potius Germaniae, e qua in Britanniam, natio intravit Anglorum.”  
*Bed., Oper., t. I; De Rat. Temp., c. 18.*

**Trinite, Trinity Sunday.**—The Sunday after Pentecost. It is called the dou-  
ble or twofold Sunday (*Dominica Duplex*), because, at the same time that  
it is the feast of the Holy Trinity, it is also the octave of Pentecost; but, as  
Udalric observes, the eighth day of Pentecost is celebrated, not so much for  
an octave, as in commemoration of the Trinity (*D'Achery, Spicil., t. I,*  
*p. 656; Ed. Fol.*) See *Dominica Sanctae Trinitatis; Benedicta, Do-*  
*mine, &c.*

“ Vp on a feste of þe trinite  
A feste of greet solempnite  
In Carlyon was holdē.”

[*Launual Myles, Cott. MS. Calig. A. II, fo. 34 b.*

“ Gode cristyn pepuls ge knew wel þis is called trinite sunday and is a  
heighg principal feste in holy chyrrhe for þere as op' tymes of gere holy  
chyrrch makyth solempnite of op' festes þt ben halowed in worschep of þe  
son os is cristmas & astur day & þe ascension day & in worschep of þe holy  
goste Whytsunday & þe weke aftyr. But now þis day is halogh in hegh  
reuerens of þe þre personis in trinite fadur, an son & holy gost.” (*Cott. MS.*  
*Claud. A. II, fo. 75.*) Trinity Sunday and Whitsunday are poetically  
named by Dryden in “*Britannia Rediviva, a Poem on the Prince, born*  
10th June, 1688.”

“ Last solemn sabbath saw the church attend,  
The Paraclet in fiery pomp descend;  
But when his wondrous octave roll'd again  
He brought a royal infant in his train.

*Works, v. I, p. 129, Edinb. 1777.*

**Triodion.**—Among the Greeks, Sunday before Septuagesima.

**TROJANUS.**—Feb. 10 : G. 399. A bishop in 532.

**TROPHINUS.**—Nov. 28 : G. 418. Trophianus, a bishop, who died at Santona  
and was translated to Tolosa.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. I, c. 11, Nov. 29.

**Tua nos quæsumus, domine.**—Introit and name of the 16th Sunday after  
Trinity.

**Tuesday.**—In Saxon, *Tiƿærðæg, Tiƿer ðæg, Thwæsday, (Tiwedday, Tewes-  
day, old English,) the day of Tiwa*; in German, *Dienstag*, which Kilian  
traces to *Dijnsdag, Dijssendagh, Dingsdag*. *Ding* anciently signified judg-  
ment, because judgment of death was attributed to Mars, to whom the  
northern nations dedicated the third day. Verelius refers to the Asiatic  
Thor, Thurr, or Tyr, for Mars, as if the name had been *Tyrsdag*, and at  
length *Tyrsday*, but both *Tyr* and *Odin* are the sun. The *r* in *Tyrsdag* was  
omitted in pronunciation, like the *n* in *Thunresdag*, which thus became  
Thursday, as *Tyrsdag*, after almost innumerable variations in orthography,  
has settled into *Tuesday*. Loccenius derives it from *Titsdag*, the day of

the people: "quo populus convenit ad mallum" (*I. IV, c. 28.*) In this case, the name comes from the Teutonic *that*, or *theot*, (Sax. *þeoð*,) people.

Turnyng of Seynt Poule.—See *Conversio S. Pauli*.

Tus Seinz, la feste des.—The feast of All Saints, Nov. 1: L. 471:

"Leuriz la nuit de tus seinz  
A sa fin alad."      *Chron. Petriburg. An. 1056.*

Twelft Euen.—Day before the Epiphany.

"On twelftan æran."      *Chron. Sax., An. 1052.*

"Upon þe twelft euen."      *Robert of Brunne, p. 61.*

Twelfth Day.—A name of the Epiphany, which, however, is the thirteenth day.

Tuesday, Twesdie.—Tuesday in old English and Norman French. In the parliamentary roll, 23 Hen. VI, n. 42, "Tuesday afore the feste of Seynt Laueren the yere of youre reigne the xxij<sup>o</sup>."—*Rotul. Parliam.*, t. V, p. 111.

Twisdaye, Twyesterday.—Tuesday.—*Paston Letters*, v. I, p. 184; *Archæol. v. XXIII*, p. 56.

Twinnel.—A corruption of St. Winnol, Winwalœus, or Guinole, March 3.

Tybi.—Dec. 27, commencement of the 5th Egyptian month : V. 433.

Tyde. See *Tide*. In the purgatory visited by Sir Owayne. See *Vol. I, p. 173—5.*

"As he stode vp þe loked aboute  
Of dueleles he syge ȝ (an?) full g<sup>r</sup>t rowte ;  
Knýgte þey sayde, why standes þu here,  
And wher ar all þy false frere.  
They tolde þe þt þy was helle,  
But oþr wyse we shall þe telle.  
Come w<sup>e</sup> vs a lytill sowth,  
We shall þe lede to þe dueleles' mowth.  
They drewe hym be þe hatere  
Tyll þey come to a g<sup>r</sup>t wetter  
Broode ȝ blakke as any pyke.  
Sowle wer þy'ñ mony ȝ thykke,  
And also dueleles on ooche syde  
As þykke as flowres yn someres tyde."

*Cott. MS. Calig. A. II, fo. 31.*

Typhayne.—The Theophany in our Fr. records.

Tysday.—Tuesday. Old English.

Tywesday.—Tuesday. *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 568.

Tyysday.—Tuesday. *Paston Letters*, v. I, p. 246.

UDALRIC.—July 4. A bishop, otherwise called Hildric, Huldric, Hudalric, and Ulric, died 973, and canonised in 993. See *Feast*, p. 133, century 10.

Undecim Mille Virgines.—The 11,000 virgins, Oct. 20: V. 431; E. 458. An

interpolation. The festival of these fabulous martyrs was instituted in the 12th century.—*Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 16 b.

Undern.—A Saxon and old English name of a canonical hour, tierce, or 9 o'clock in the morning, but sometimes it means morning generally (See Vol. I, p. 487.) So in Sir Launual:

“ To day to cherche y wolde haue gon,  
But me fawtede hosyn  $\gamma$  schon,  
And for defawte of clodynge  
No mygte y w<sup>t</sup> þe peple prynge.  
No wonþ<sup>r</sup> doug me smerte;  
But ofþyng dameselle y pray ye,  
Sadel  $\gamma$  brydel leue w<sup>t</sup> me  
A whyle for to ryde,  
þ<sup>t</sup> y mygte comfortede be,  
By a launde vnþ<sup>r</sup> þys cyte  
Al yn þys vndern tyde.”

*Cott. MS. Calig. A. II, fo. 34, b.*

“ Pouly þe knygt to hors gan spryne,  
For to dryue away lokynge,  
He rood toward þe west,  
þe weþ<sup>r</sup> was hot þe vndern tyde,  
He lygte adoun  $\gamma$  gan abyde  
Vnder a fayr forest.”

*Ibid., fo. 35.*

In Chaucer it points to the tierce:

“ The time of vndern of the same day  
Approcheth, that this wedding should be.”

*Clerkes Tale.*

In the Life of St. Brandon, it is mentioned under the name *vñthern* among other canonical hours :

“ Now was þis an ester dai. þ<sup>t</sup> al þis was ido.  
þis foul nom his leue at ghim.  $\gamma$  to his felowes wende also.  
þis sowles þo hit time was. bigonne her eue'song.  
Morgore song ne ne migte be. þov god self wer þ<sup>r</sup> among.  
þ<sup>e</sup> monkes wente to bedde.  $\gamma$  slope þo her soper was ido.  
 $\gamma$  þo hit was time of matyns. hi arise op þ<sup>r</sup> to.  
þis foules songe ek her matyns, wel rigte þo hit was time.  
 $\gamma$  of þe sauter sede vers.  $\gamma$  supþe also prime.  
 $\gamma$  vñþern seþþe  $\gamma$  middæsi.  $\gamma$  afterward supþe non.  
 $\gamma$  eche tide of þe dai. songe as cristenmen scholde don.”

*Cott. MS., Jul., D. IX, fo. 74 & 74 b.*

Hearne has the following note on the words *undron* and *prime*, in *Robert of Brunne*: “ Our ancestors before the Reformation, and many since, called this *hora tertia*, the hour of tierce; and in Edward the Fourth's time, when some disputes arose about the exact hour of the day which this word denoted, in the statutes of the Order of the Garter, it was determined to be

nine of the clock in the forenoon, though afterwards, in Henry the Eighth's time, it was reported to be three o'clock, as plainly appears from the ancient canonical hours of the church, which were seven in number, viz.—*Matutina laudes, matins*; the *prima hora*, or prime; the *hora tertia*, the *hora sexta*, the *hora nona*, vespers, and the *completorium*, besides the *nocturnum officium*, or office for nights, which is also divided into four vigils, the *conticinium*, *gallicinium*, *intempestum*, & *antelucinam*. Now since their matins were performed about break of day, and their prime, by consequence, at 6 o'clock in the morning, I can see no reason to doubt but the hour of tierce was 9 o'clock in the morning, and so the rest at three hours' distance. And this determination of it to 9 of the clock is confirmed again by Mr. Somner, in another place of his Saxon Dictionary, where this passage occurs: ‘*Kýn-niole (Bridfred. Rames. MS.) þa halgan undern tis ancebiscopar mið gehaðeðum þegnum kýntenlice pýnrumiað. Þa æfelan munecas þæne tides lop mið kýn-niole ȝ engla lugfrange geþunðiað: i.e. (fortasse) Sacrae horam diei (veterum) tertiam, (uostram autem nonam ante meridiem) archiepiscopi cum clero festiva celebrant hilaritate, nobiles etiam monachi illius horae laudes (quas vocant matutinas ecclesiastici—*Bed., Hist., l. III, c. 12*) cum *kyrrole* & *angelorum* hymno honorant, &c.; Kýn-niole being from *kyrie eleison*, and so producing carrol.’ And so, agreeably to this sense, the word *undarne* is used in the old MS. of the Holy Festivals of the Church, composed in metre in the reign of Edward I, in the Life of St. Brandon:—*

‘ þe fowles songe here *Matyns*; rige so hit was tyme,  
And of þe sauter seide þe vers supre also *prime*,  
And undren *Myddai*; and afterwards *none*.  
And ech tide of þe dai, as men scholden done.’”

Hearne, *Glossar.*, p. 669.

Verstegan, and the old glossiographers of Chaucer, seem to be at a total loss to explain this word, which they take to be afternoon, as noticed by Somner, whose authority, however, mentions it only as one of the three times a day proper for drinking—undern, mid-day, and noon. The following passage, confirmatory of Hearne, and the antiquaries in the reign of Edward IV, will set all controversy at rest: On þem þriy় দাগুম (viz. gang দাগুম) ejfytene men recoh alætan heona popolblican peope on þe þriy় দাগুম tis দাগের. Þæt is on undern. ȝ forð গঙ্গাম mið þam haligya neliqum oð þa nigeðan tis. þ is þonne non (Cott. MS., *Julius, A. X, fo. 104 b.*): that is—On these 3 days (gang days) Christian men shall leave their worldly labour on the third hour of the day, which is undern, & go in procession with the holy relics till the ninth hour, which is none or noon.

**Undernide, Undertide.**—The hour of undern. In the *Colloquium Monasticum*, which is an essay by Ælfric to teach Latin by means of an inter-linear translation, in the same manner as Antesignanus, five centuries afterwards, attempted to teach Greek, and as Locke recommended, a century after the Greek grammarian—the pupil gives the following account of his manner of spending the day:

Wanega þing ic býðe on þirre niht. þa þa enyll ic gehýnþe  
*Multas res feci hac nocte. Quando signum audiri*  
 ic ajar on minon beðde ɏ eððe to cýncean ɏ rang uhtfang  
*surrexi de lectulo & exiui ad ecclesiam & cantauit nocturnam*  
 mið geþnoþru'. æfter þa pe rungon be eallum halzum ɏ  
*cum fratribus. deinde cantauimus de omnibus sanctis &*  
*ðægneðlice lofzanger. æfter þýrum prium ɏ georpon realmar*  
*matutinales laudes. post hec primam & .vii. psalmos*  
 mið lætanian ɏ capital mæffan. ryðban undeptiðe. ɏ býðon  
*cum letaniis & primam missam. deinde tertiam & fecimus*  
*mæffan be ðæge. æfter þýrum pe rungan miððæg ɏ*  
*missam de die. post hec cantauimus sextam &*  
 eran ɏ dñuncion ɏ flepon ɏ eft pe aripon  
*mandauimus & bibimus & dormiuimus & iterum surreximus &*  
 rungon non ɏ nu pe rynd hef ætropan þe geaþupe gehýnan  
*cantauimus nonam & modo sumus hic coram te parati audire*  
 hysæt þu us recge.  
*quid nobis dixeris.* (Cott. MS., Tiber., A. III, fo. 62 b.)

This is of some value, as a picture of the occupations of novices and monks, as well as a farther elucidation of our old terms for the canonical hours.

Undron.—Undern, in Robert of Brunne's date of the death of Vencilian, daughter of Prince Llewellyn :

“ þese day of Juny, Whitsonneuen þat tyme,  
 Died þat lady bituex vndron ɏ prime,  
 þe date of Criste numbred, þus many geres euen,  
 A þousand ɏ þre hundred þrity gere ɏ seuen.”

Chron., p. 243.

Mirk, in his sermon on the *Tenebrae*, mentions the crucifixion of our Lord as continuing from “ vndron to none.” See *Tenabullæ*.

URBAN, Pope & Martyr.—May 25 : G. 406 ; V. 426 ; T. 430 ; E. 453. The 16th bishop of Rome, who, having converted many persons, was put to death under Alexander. He sat from 223 to 230, and was martyred on this day, which is called a *Dies Criticus*, or critical day, because its serenity portends abundance. Rain on this day equally threatens scarcity. In Alsace, which is fertile in vines, if the sky be serene on this day, they lead the wooden image of Urban with great pomp through the streets and villages ; but if it should rain, they exhibit their indignation at the negligent saint by dragging him through the mire. Molanus Pontificius (*De Picturis*, c. 26) very bitterly reprobates this irreverent custom.—*Hospi. de Fest.*, fo. 87.

**URBAN.**—Dec. 8: G. 419. He was a martyr, *v id. Dec.*, with Peter, Successus, Bassinus & Porphyry, in Africa.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult., n. 4.

**Utas, Utaves.**—Octaves, in old English and French; indeed, it appears to be derived from the *huit*, or *eight*, of the latter language. “Lendemaine de la Clause Pask,” in the *Stat. Westm.* I, passed in 3 Edward III, (25 April 1275), is rendered in the old translation “next day after Easter utas.” “On the utas of seynt Hillary last passed (*Rotul. Parliam.* (12 Edw. IV.) t. VI, p. 53). “Wr’ tyn at Norwych on y<sup>e</sup> utas day of Pet’ & Powll” (*i. e.* July 6, 1459.—*Paston Letters*, v. III, p. 188). “Any day (says Jacob) between the feast and the octave is said to be within the utas. The use of this is in the return of writs, as appeareth by Stat. 51 Hen. 3.”

“Lette say þese masses by ȝoȝ heastes  
W<sup>t</sup>inne þe vtas of þe festes.”

*Cott. MS., Calig., A. II, fo. 86.*

See *Octave*.

**Utes.**—Octaves in our French records.

**UULFRID,** Archbishop.—April 24: D. 452.

**UULFRID,** Bishop.—Oct. 12: T. 444. Wilferth, or Wilfred, archbishop of York, died in 829.—*Chron. Saz. ad Ann.*

**UULMAR.**—July 20: T. 441. “xiii kal. Aug. Natalis Sancti Wulmari confessoris.”—*Kalend. Arr.*, 826.

**VALDPURGA.**—Feb. 25 and May 1 (*Bed. Oper.*, t. I, p. 244). The eves of St. Valdpurga is noted in Germany for the resort of witches and demons on the Blocksberg (See Vol. I, p. 207, n.) See *Walvurga*.

**VALENTINE.**—Feb. 14.

**VALENTINE.**—April 16: G. 399. A priest and martyr (*Petr. de Natal.*) Others—1, July 16: G. 409; 2, a priest of Caesarea Mauritania, Nov. 13 (*Kal. Carthag. Mabillon, Anal.* p. 166); 3 & 4, Dec. 9 & 16: G. 419.

**VALERIUS.**—Jan. 29: G. 398.

**VALERIUS & RUFFINUS.**—June 14. Beheaded under Dioclesian.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 116; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 113.

**VEDASTUS & AMANDUS.**—Feb. 6: G. 399; V. 423; T. 436; E. 450. See *AMANDUS*.

**VEDASTUS & REMIGIUS.**—Oct. 1: G. 415; V. 431; T. 444; E. 458. See *GERMANUS*.

**Veilings.**—A name given to some feasts, when marriages might or might not be solemnized in Spain, where veils were used during the ceremony. They stand thus in their almanacs and kalendars:

Veilings shut—Advent Sunday.

Veilings open—Epiphany.

Veilings shut—Ash Wednesday.

Veilings open—Low Sunday.

*Gent. Mag., Apr. 1755, Jan. 1756.*

**Veille.**—Vigil, eve, wake, or watch, in our Fr. records, as in the date of the

bishop of Lincoln's letter in favour of Sir William de Dunenverde, in 1327, "Faites & donees a Brouselles la veille de la Pentecôte, lan de Grace mill troisens trente sept."—*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. III, p. 978.

**VENANTIUS.**—May 12. A martyr under Decius.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 12; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 86.

**Venatio Piscium.**—See *Dominica de Venatione Piscium*.

**Vendredi Aoré or Aorné.**—Good Friday. The custom of worshipping the cross on this day (See Vol. I, p. 186), existed in the time of Charlemagne, as appears from Amalarius, who lived in that age (l. I, c. 14): "Ut præparetur crux ante altare, quam salutant & osculantur omnes."—*Ord. Rom. I, Mabillon, Mus. Ital.*, t. II, p. 23, and *Ord. Rom. Comment.*, p. lxxj.

**Vénères.**—Fridays, and by consequence, *Venus* was Friday. The abbot Pirmin, who wrote in 758, treating of diabolical usages in his *Libellus de Singulis Libris Canonis Scarpaeus*, says, that women name Minerva in their weaving, and observe Fridays, or another day, in their nuptials: "Mulieres in tela sua Minervam nominare; et Veneres aut alium diem in nuptiis observare." The whole passage, directed against the idolatry of the time is exceedingly curious: "Noli adorare idola, non ad petras, nec ad arbore; non ad angulos, neque ad fontes, ad trivios adorare, nec vota reddere. Præcantatores et sortilegos, karagios, aruspices, divinos, ariolos, magos, maleficos, sternutus et auguria per aviculas, vel alia ingenia mala et diabolica nolite facere, nec credere. Nam Vulcanalia et kalendas observare, laurus obperire, pedem observare, effundere super truncum frugem, et vinum, et panem in fontem mittere; mulieres in tela sua Minervam nominare; et Veneres aut alium diem in nuptiis observare; et quo die in via exeatir attendere, omnia ista quid aliud nisi cultura diaboli? Karuchures herbas succino nolite vobis vel vestris appendere. Tempestarias nolite credere, nec aliquid pro hoc eis dare. Qui impurias, quæ dicunt homines super tectas mittere, et aliqua futura possint eis denuntiare quod eis bona aut mala adveniant, nolite eis credere, quia soli Deo est futura præscire. Cervulos et vehiculas in Quadragesima vel aliud tempus nolite ambulare. Viri vestes femineas, feminæ vestes viriles in ipsis kalendis vel alia lusa quam plurima nolite vestire. Membra ex ligno facta in trivios et ab arboribus vel alio nolite facere, nec mittere: quia nullam sanitatem vobis possunt præstare. Luna quando obscuratur, nolite clamores emittere. Nolite criminum diabolicum credere, nec super se mittere ne præsummat. Nullus Christianorum neque ad ecclesiam, neque in domibus, neque in trivios, nec in nullo loco ballationes, cantationes, saltationes, jocus et lusa diabolica facere non præsummat. Minrarias et verba turpia et amatoria vel luxuriosa, ex ore non proferat. Omnia philacteria diabolica, et cuncta supradicta nolite ea credere, nec adorare, nec nullum honorem impendere."—*Mabillon, Vet. Analect.*, p. 69, *Ed. Fol.*

**Venerinus Dies.**—Friday in a charter of the year 1478.

**Veneris Dies Adoratus.**—Good Friday. See *Vendredi Aore*.

**Vepres.**—See *Vesperæ*.

**Verbenalia.**—Palm Sunday.—*Dresser, de Festib. Diebus*, p. 55.

**Veris Initium (habet Dies XCI).**—Feb. 7: G. 397; V. 423; T. 437; E. 450.

**Vernal Equinox.**—See *Equinoctium*.

**VERONICA.**—Feb. 4 (*Aurea Legenda*). The account of St. Veronica is curious:

They pretend to show at Rome (says Dr. Middleton) two original impressions of our Saviour's face on two different handkerchiefs, the one sent a present from himself to St. Agbarus, prince of Edessa, who by letter had desired a picture of him; the other given by him, at the time of his execution to a saint or holy woman, Veronica, upon a handkerchief which she had lent him to wipe his face on that occasion; both which handkerchiefs are still preserved, as they affirm, and now kept with the utmost reverence; the first in St. Sylvester's church, the second in St. Peter's, where, in honor of this sacred relic, there is a fine altar built by Urban VIII, with the statue of Veronica herself, with this inscription:

SALVATORIS IMAGINEM VERONICÆ  
SVDARIO EXCEPTAM  
VT LOCI MAJESTAS DECENTER  
CVSTODIRET VRBANVS VIII.  
PONT. MAX.  
MARMOREVM SIGNVM  
ET ALTARE ADDIDIT CONDITORIVM  
EXTRVXIT ET ORNAVIT.

(*Aring. Rom. Lubt.*) There is in their Book of Offices a prayer ordered by the rubric to be addressed to this sacred and miraculous picture in the following terms: Conduct us, Oh, thou blessed figure, to our proper home, where we may behold the pure face of Christ.—*Conform. of Anc. and Mod. Ceremonies*, p. 158.

But notwithstanding the authority of the Pope and his inscription, this Veronica, as one of their best authors has shown, was not any real person, but the name given to the picture itself by old writers being formed by blundering and confounding the words VERA ICON, the true image, the title inscribed or perhaps given by the first contrivers of the imposture (*Iter Ital.*, p. 88). These stories, however fabulous and childish they appear to men of sense, are yet urged by grave authors in defence of their image worship, as certain proofs of its divine origin, and sufficient to confound all the impious opposers of it (*Letter from Rome*). Polydore Vergil is one of those who speak of St. Veronica as the woman to whom the handkerchief belonged (*De Invent. Rerum*, l. VI, c. 13, p. 403). Veronica of Milan, 1497, Jan. 13.

**VERONTUS.**—Feb. 22: G. 400.

**Vertex Kalendarum, Nonarum, &c.**—The same as *Caput Kalendarum*. “Nonarum in vertice.” Jan. 5: G. 397.

**Vespere, Vespers.**—A canonical hour (See *Hours Canonical*). For Vespers as an institution the text *Ps. LIV*, v. 118, is quoted: “Vespere et mane, et meridio narrabo.” The first Vespers are about 4 o'clock, or later, in the afternoon, and the second, called *complin*, about 7 (See *Completorium*). “In festo annunciationis B. Mariae Virginis, a primis vesperis usque ad secundas vesperas.”—*Thomas Otterbourne, Chron.*, p. 267.

**Vespres Siciliennes.**—Sicilian Vespers. An historical fact rather than a date is alluded to, when French historians employ the words *les Vépres Siciliennes*.

In 1282, the French in Sicily were massacred in the night, without regard to age or sex, to the number of 8000; and from the hour at which the murders took place, the crime is called the Sicilian Vespers.—*Hist. de France*, t. VI, p. 861, et suiv.; *Voltaire*, t. XVII, p. 193, et suiv., et t. XXVIII, p. 368; *Le P. Barre*, t. VI, p. 193.

*Veuve de Naim, la.*—Thursday, in Midlent week.

*Vexati a Dæmone.*—See *Dominica de Vexatis*.

**VICTOR.**—March 29: G. 402. A martyr with Doninus, in Thessalonia, March 90.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. XI, c. ult., n. 103.

**VICTOR.**—April 27: G. 404. Another, July 1: G. 409.

**VICTOR, Martyr.**—July 21: E. 455. This is the patron saint of Marseilles, who owes his name and station in the Roman Catholic pantheon to an inscription on a pagan altar to Julius Caesar. St. Victor has a magnificent church dedicated to him in Marseilles. Montfaucon, after describing many other things in that city, says, we visited the church and convent of St. Victor, at which place is seen the cell in which Mary Magdalen retired to live after her arrival there. St. Victor is, however, no less a person than Julius Caesar. The saint is said to have destroyed a dragon—Caesar destroyed the grove in which the human sacrifices took place. The church is built on the exact spot where a Roman altar was found, with this inscription—"C. J. C. Divus victor, Locum impia superstitione caedibusque humanis inquinatum excidit, Massiliamque in potestatem P. R. redigit." This by the church is read, instead of Caius Julius Caesar, "Carissimus Jesus Christus," and the P. R. "Papali Romani," as well as Populi Romani, and thus it is seen, on the papal construction, St. Victor, the beloved of Jesus Christ, having cut down a grove profaned by an impious superstition and human sacrifices, reduced the people of Marseilles into the jurisdiction of the Pope of Rome.

**VICTOR.**—July 24: G. 410. A soldier, martyred with two others in Spain.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VI, c. 132.

**VICTOR.**—Oct. 3: G. 415. Others, Oct. 28, G. 416; Nov. 2, G. 417; Dec. 2 & 14, G. 419.

**Vigil, Vigilia.**—Watch or Wake, in time, the same as Eve. Arnobius, junior, in his Comment on *Ps. CIX*, says the 1st begins at vespers, the 2nd at midnight, the 3rd at cock-crowing, and the 4th at matins or day-break. "Prima custodia a vespera jincipit, secunda ad medium noctis attingit, tercia pullorum cantus transit, quarta vigilia matutina, quae in ortum luminis ad impletur" (*Du Cange*, t. V, col. 970). Durandus enumerates the nocturnal vigils in the following order: *Conticinium*, the first vigil; *Gallicinium*, the second; *Intempeustum*, the third, and *Antelucinum*, the fourth vigil. The Vigil, although, in respect of religious exercises, it was originally the night before a festival, is taken in dates for the day before, the same as eve. Athelwold was consecrated bishop of Winchester "on the vigil of St. Andfew, that day being Sunday" (*Chron. Sax.*, an. 963). In the time of the apostles, and long afterwards, the Christians could scarcely meet together for worship, on account of the persecution to which they were subjected. Pliny, in his epistle to Trajan, bears testimony that they assembled to pray and sing hymns before day-light. When the persecution ceased, this custom continued. The nocturnal and twilight meetings were held in cemeteries, near the tombs of martyrs. Theodoreetus states that Leontius, bishop of Antioch,

was the first that persuaded the people to abandon the sepulchres, and hold their vigils in churches. But these nocturnal vigils, in the course of time, gave rise to the most abandoned profligacy; boys & girls, young men & women, old men & matrons, were actors in scenes, which, though sometimes described in general terms, but sufficiently particular to be understood (*Polyd. Verg.*, l. VI, c. 4, p. 364; *Hildebrand. de Dieb. Sanct.*, p. 73), may be left with more convenience and decency to the imagination. The Eliberitan Council (*can. 35*), about the end of the 3rd century, found it absolutely necessary to prohibit, with great strictness, the access of women to vigils in cemeteries, because, under pretext of devotion, many shameful things were perpetrated. In the Theodosian Code, nocturnal worship is prohibited; and Vigilantius declared open war against vigils, for which Jerome abused him without mercy, and, by a wretched pun, called him *Dormitantius*, because he rejected vigils (*Oper.*, t. IV, par. 2, p. 286). At last the church was obliged to abolish them; and, about 420, they were succeeded by the fasts of vigils, which are held on the day before a greater festival, and retained the ancient name:—

“ Majores nostri in templis vigilare solebant  
Festa recepturi. Hunc morem nova sustulit ætas.  
Nam quia nox silere solet esse occasio et illud  
Observant, qui farta volunt committere, tempus;  
Jejunare diem visum est sapientius olim  
Qui præit festum, et noctem dormire cubili.”

*Mantuan. Fast.*, l. I.

The reformation was not complete, as we learn by the Council of Valladolid in 1322, which prohibited vigils in churches, on account of the shameful excesses committed under this pretext, and still more recently, the provincial Synod of Aquileia, in 1596, states that, though vigils were piously and laudably instituted in ancient times, they had latterly been diverted by iniquity from their right course; and that it has been heard that women ply in the churches in which vigils are held. On this account, the Synod prohibits such vigils (*Sagittar.*, *Dissert. de Natalibus Martyrum*, c. 4, s. 19, s. 21; *Ed. 4to*, 1578). See vol. I, p. 354.

**Vigilia Horemii.**—The eve of St. Lawrence Aug. 29, in a contract between Gibbehard, bishop of Halberstadt, and the Abbess of Quedlinberg.—*Ludwig, Reliq. MSS.*, t. X, p. 93.

**Vigilia Luminum.**—The Eve of Lights, is Christmas eve, from the custom of illuminating on the night of Dec. 24.

**Vigilia Vigiliæ Nativitatis.**—The Eve of the Eve of the Nativity, is the day before Christmas Eve, and another name of *Prævigilia*.—*Haltaus, Cal. Med. Ævi*, p. 17.

**Vignerons.**—Among the Fr., Friday in the second week of Lent.

**VINCENT, VINCENTIUS.**—Jan. 22: L. 461; V. 422; E. 449. He was martyred in 304, and his bones are pretended to have been translated, in 762, to a promontory in Portugal, thence called St. Vincent.

**VINCENTIUS.**—Aug. 21: G. 412. Eusebius, Vincentius, Peregrinus & Romanus, were martyrs at Rome in the time of Commodus, on the 8th day before the kalends of September, and perhaps this is the same Vincent (*Petr. de*

*Natal.*, *l. VII, c. 111*). There were, besides these—1, *mart.*, 3rd cent., June 9; 2, priest, of Lerrins, 450, May 24; 3, Vincent of Spain, a monk of the order of preachers, died 1418, Apr. 5, canonized by Calixtus III, 1455 (*Hospin. de Fest.*, *fo. 77 b.*); 4, Vincent de Paul, 1660, July 19.

**VIRGILIUS.**—Nov. 27. Bishop of Salzburg, 784, canonized by Gregory IX in 1233.—*Verif. des Dates, t. III, p. 362*.

**Virgo.**—The sun's entry into this sign, Aug. 18: G. 411; V. 428; T. 442.

**Visitatio Occisorum a Tartaris Sandomiriae.**—June 2, instituted by Alexander IV, in commemoration of the Christians who were slain by the Tatars in 1260.—*Cromer. de Reb. Polon.*, *l. IX*; *Hospin. de Fest. Christ.*, *fo. 17 b.* & *fo. 87 b.*

**Visitation of our Lady.**—July 2. See *Festum Visitacionis*.

**VITALIS.**—April 28: G. 404; V. 425; T. 438; E. 452. Vitalis of Milan, refusing to sacrifice to the gods, was cast into a pit at Ravenna, and crushed with earth and stones, about A. D. 50 (*Petr. de Natal.*, *l. IV, c. 95*). Date of a letter to Henry V: “Writen atte Swines atte departyng of the Emprer goynge in to Beheme in the feste of seyn Vitale martir.”—*Ellis, Orig. Lett., v. I, p. 79*.

**VITALIS.**—Nov. 3: G. 417—Nov. 4, according to *Petr. de Natal.*, *l. X, c. 18*. A martyr in 304.

**VITALIS.**—Oct. 24: G. 416.

**VITUS, MODESTUS & CRESCENTIA.**—June 15: G. 407; V. 427; E. 454. Martyrs in Sicily, under Dioclesian; the first was a boy, and the second his tutor.—*Petr. de Natal.*, *l. V, c. 118*.

**Vocati ad Nuptias.**—See *Dominica de Vocatis*.

**Vocem Jucunditatis annunciate.**—Introit and name of the 5th Sunday after Easter, from *Isa.*, *c. 64*: “Die Lunæ post vocem jucunditatis” (*D'Achery, Spicil.*, *t. X, p. 286*). In the letter of the cardinals, in the reign of Henry II, it is introduced more fully: “Ad quam (civitatem) dominica qua cantatur vocem jucunditatis, convenimus cum multis personis.”—*Rog. de Hoveden, p. 530*. See *Script. post Bed.*, *t. I, p. 170*; *Baring., Clav. Dipl.*, *XIII, p. 492*; *LX, p. 533*, &c.

**VOLENTYN.**—Valentine. *Paston Letters, v. IV, p. 248*.

**Vtaues.**—Octaves, in our French records.

**Vtaues saint Esteuene.**—Jan. 2: L. 461—and so throughout this kalendar.

**Vyle.**—For *Veille*, in our Fr. records, as in the date of a letter to a lady, June 23, 1298: “Done dens les quatre mers de Engleterre la vyle de la seynt Johan le Baptist le aan du regne le Roy Edward fiz le Roy Henry vint et setime.”—*Arundel MS., 220, fo. 303 b.*

**Wake.**—An old Saxon & English word for vigil or eve, and derived from *pacan*, or *pacian*, to *wake* or *watch*, as *vigil* is from *vigilare*, to wake or watch. There is this difference between vigil and wake—that the former precedes any greater festival, but the latter is confined to the festival of the dedication of a church, the church haliday or holiday (see *vol. I, p. 354*). We have the following passage in a Saxon sermon, “De Dedicatione Ecclesiæ,” relating to the wake:—*Ne gebýnēð ær cýnican ænig þing to donne butan god to hefianne, hine to gebýdanne. Þa þam þonne yroþlice þe*

cýnican oftort mid iðele fecað. þ rýndan þa ungerfsligan he ðær pleaſtvað mid iðelne pæce. ȳ hylum mid iðelne dædum. Ðær man ræð poſorſt ryðe ýmbe fela þinge ȳ þær na gebýrdeð þ þær ænig man race gehýnde. ȳ þær man pacad ealler to oft ryðdon on unnýt. þonne man ſcolde. And miele betene iſ allum epiftenum men. þ hi nane pæccan at cýnican næbbe. þonne hi þær þacige mid ængan geſpleaſde. Ac re he mihtlice hiſ pæccan healðan pyll. fane þærto mid goder ege ȳ býunge hiſ almerian. ȳ pacie. ȳ gebidde hine georne. þonne fneſmað him ſeo pæcce. forðam heo bið þonne god lie pýrðe :—It does not appertain [to our duty] at church to do any thing but praise God & pray to him. Wo to them, then, who oftenest seek church with vanity : they are the miserable who triffe there in idle discourse, and sometimes in idle deeds. There people very often seek much after many things, where it is not proper that they should hear any business & where they watch or wake much too often, rather on unprofitableness than they ought. And much better it is for all Christian men to have no wakes at church than wake there in frivolity. But he who will rightly keep his wakes, let him go thereto with the fear of God & bring his alms, & watch & pray to him earnestly ; then the wake will perfect him because it will then be godly (*Cott. MS., Cleopatra, B. XIII., fo. 93 & 93b.*) “Holy faders ordeyned þe pepul to leue þt wakyngh & faste þe euon & so turned þe wakyngh in to fastyng but gett holdiþ þe olde name & is called in latyne *vigilia* þt is wakyngh in englysch & also in englisch hit is called þe euon,” &c. (see *Eve*). A full account of English wakes is given in *Vol. I., p. 351.*

**Waking.**—Watching over corpses previous to interment. This custom, which has long since declined in England,—except, perhaps, among some of the papists,—seems to have originated in a notion of preventing evil spirits from flying away with the defunct—a terror from which the survivors were not entirely delivered after the burial (see *vol. I., p. 191.*) It appears from a prohibitory canon of the Synod of Worcester, in 1240, that waking was celebrated with dances, songs and games, of different kinds, which, in all probability were carried to a licentious excess : “Quod etiam idem statuit in coreis, et cantilenis, sacerularibus ludis, et aliis turpibus et fatuis declinandis, in vigiliis quæ flunt circa corpora mortuorum præcipimus inviolabiliter obſervari.”—*Spelman, Concil., t. II., p. 256.*

**WALARICUS.**—Apr. 1. “Kal. Aprilis Natalis Sancti Walarici confessoris” (*Kal. Arr., 826*). He was an abbot, who died on this day (*Petr. de Natal., l. IV., c. 21.*) There is another Walaric, Dec. 12 in the Arras Kalendar.

**WALENTYNÉ.**—See VALENTINE. “Walentyne is day.”—*Paston Letters, v. IV., p. 142.*

**WALERICUS.**—April 1: G. 403. See WALARICUS.

**WALPURGA.**—May 1, according to Matt. Dresser, who derives the name from the Teutonic *Wald*, a wood, and *Pyrg*, a tower. She was an abbess of Eisted, in Bavaria, about 780 (*De Festib. Dieb.*, p. 77). There is another abbess, whom Bede calls *Valdpurg*, and others *Walburgis* (the names being in reality identical), whose day is Feb. 25 (see VALDPURGA). Hospinian says that the festival of Walpurga was instituted by the Council of Mayence, in 813 (*De Fest. Christ.*, fo. 16 b.) If so, it must have been observed long before without canonical authority.

**WALSTAN.**—See **WULSTAN**.

**WANDRAGISILUS**, Abbot.—July 23: V. 428; E. 455. An abbot in the time of Justinian II, in 682 (*Petr. de Natalibus, l. VI, c. 127*). He is otherwise called *Vaudrille*.

**Wederynge.**—A Season, from *weder*, old English & Saxon, a storm, whence our weather:

“ As in þe norþ west a derk weder þer aros  
Sodeinliche smart inou þat mani man egros.”

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 560.*

“ In this yere, that is to saye y<sup>e</sup> four yere of kyng John by reason of the vureasonable wederynge, as in the last yere fell, y<sup>t</sup> whete was sold for xv<sup>a</sup> a quarter.”—*Fabyan, Chron., p. 314, by Ellis*.

**Week Days.**—That is, Wic Days, *Sax. wic-dagar*, the days on which people resorted to the *wic* or town, to market or fair, and which were, therefore, days of business, and distinguished by this name from Sundays, and other holidays exempted from labor and traffic. Week, *ƿeoc*, is in ancient British *Wythnos*, that is, *wyth*, eight, and *nos*, night, a space included in eight nights (*Cyfreithieu Hywel Dha, p. 558*), where time is reckoned by nights for days (see *Semaine, Septimanae*). The week, or *wic*, days are not dissimilar, in the origin of the name, to the *Nundinae* of the Romans.

**Weidemonat.**—August, in Bede. See *Weod Monath*.

**WENEFRED.**—Nov. 3. Her day was not ordained by the church in the 13th century, as appears from Mirk's homily on this day: Thysday is seyt Weenefreday. It is not ordeyned to be haliday but þas men hau deuocion wherfore who so euer hath deuocion comyth þa day to chyreh & doth hir worchep” *Cott. MS., Claud., A. II, fo. 80 b.*) This defect was amended in 1415 by Henry Crichley, archbishop of Canterbury, who ordered it to be celebrated as a double festival.—*Spelm., Concil., t. II, p. 669.*

**Weod Monath.**—August: V. 429. Of this name the Saxon Menology says: On ure geþeoðre pe nemnab þone monað ƿeoð monað forþon þe hi on þam monþe mært gepeaxað.—In our language, we name the month Herb Month, because they grow most in this month.—*Cott. MS., Julius, A. X; see Hervest.*

γ þær rymle reñip.  
ymb ƿeopen niht þær.  
rumene gebrihteð.  
ƿeoð monað on tun.  
ƿel hƿær bringeð.  
aȝurtauȝ ȝymen ƿeoðum.  
hlaf mærran ƿæg.

And then ever cometh  
Four nights there-after  
Summer brightened :  
So it bringeth well  
weed month to us,  
August ; to poor people  
Loaf mass day.

*Cott. MS., Tiber., B. I, fo. 111 b.*

**Wendemonath.**—November. “ Wendemonath, mensis zizaniorum, quod ea tempestate maxime abundat” (*Bed. Oper., t. I; De Rat. Temp., c. 13*). The month of winds, which much abound at this time. It is one of the lunar months of the Saxons.

**WEREMUA.**—Jan. 12: D. 449.

**Weydmonath.**—The month of weeds, August (*Veretegan, Restit. of Decayed Intelligence*, p. 62). This is *Weod Monath*. The word *weod*, is weed, herb, grass, mast, &c.

**Whesontid.**—Whitsuntide. “Prince Rubert tooke Liverpooll whesontid 1644, putting all to ye sword for many hours” (*Sir Edward More's MS.*, fo. 17, *penes Thomam More de Liverpool, arm.*) See *Whisson Weke*.

**While.**—A space of time, from the Saxon *hyl*, a minute (See *Tide*). In Saxon and old English, it is compounded with other words, as *æmet hyl*, leisure, *beoht hyl*, bright-while, a twinkling, &c. See *Paternoster While*.

**Whipdog Day.**—Oct. 8. See *Vol. I.*, p. 360.

**Whisson Weke.**—Whitsun Week. “Wretyn at Lederyngh'm this tewes day in Whisson weke” (about 1450).—*Paston Lett.*, v. III, p. 142.

**Whitsunday.**—The day of Pentecost which was called the White Sunday, because on the eve of this festival the candidates for baptism were anciently clad in white robes; hence its Latin name, *Dominica Alba*. L'Esfrange mentions the possibility of its derivation from the French *huit*, eight, as being the eighth Sunday after Easter.—*Alliance of Div. Off.*

**Whyghtsonweke.**—Whitsun Week, in *Paston Letters*, 1478, v. II, p. 264.

**WILFRID.**—Oct. 12: V. 431. He is also called Wilferth. In 679 he was expelled from the archbishopric of York by King Egfrid, who appointed two bishops in his stead (*Chron. Sax. An.* 678). Theodore, then archbishop of Canterbury, was reinstated in the see of York by an apostolical sentence, which was of no avail in England. Wilfrid, in 680, assisted at the Council of Rome. The synod of Nesterfield, in 703, would have deposed him, but Wilfrid appealed from it to Rome, where he had already been justified and re-established. In the following year the Roman Council absolved him a second time and returned him to his church, and John VI wrote in his favor to Ethelred of Mercia and Alfred of Northumbria. Near the river Nid, a council was held in 705, at which the English bishops became reconciled to Wilfrid, and finally restored him to his dignities. He died at Oundle, April 24, 709, and his body was interred at Ripon.—*Chron. Sax. An.* 709.

**WILHELM.**—May 28. He was duke of Aquitaine and earl of Poictou, and a disciple of St. Bernard. He became a monk in 1150 because he was childless. His life was very superstitious, and his brethren were called Wilhelmites, but Innocent IV afterwards gave them the title of Augustinians.—*Petr. de Natal.*, l. V, c. 61; *Hospin. de Fest.*, fo. 87.

**WILLIAM, Bishop.**—Jan. 19: V. 422.

**WILLIAM, Archbishop.**—June 8: E. 454. Of York, 1150. There were also—1, William the Venerable, an abbot, 1031, Jan. 1; 2, bishop of Roschild, 1067 or 1074, Sept. 2; 3, W. of Monte Vergine, 1142, June 25; 4. W. of Maleval, 1157, Feb. 10; 5, abbot of Eskille, 1203, Apr. 6; 6, abbot of Bourges, 1207 or 1209, Jan. 10.

**WILLIBROD, Bishop and Confessor.**—Nov. 7: E. 459. Bishop of Utrecht, 738. “vii id. Novemb. Natalis Sancti Willibrordi episcopi et confessoris.” *Kal. Att.*, 826.

**WILLIELMUS.** See **WILLIAM**.

**WINEFRED.** See **WENEFRED**.

**Winter.**—The Saxons, like the rest of the northern nations, numbered their

years by winters, as others counted their by autumns. The Samoiedes, Ostiacs, Burates and others, having no knowledge of the kalendar, and little acquaintance with the apparent motion of the sun, compute their time by the snow, which falls at regular intervals, and every winter they say—I am so many snows old (*Voltaire, Pierre le Grand, ch. I.*). The custom of reckoning time by winters was not immediately laid aside. King Cambuscan, says Chaucer,

“Had twenty winter borne his diadem.”

*Squiers Tale.*

Johanne Lady of Bergavenny, in 1434, employs this term in her will: I ordain & devise to have five Prests to sing for me 20 winters for my lord my Fader, my lady my Moder, my husband, my son Richard Earl of Worcester, S<sup>r</sup> Hugh Burnel Kt. and alle my good doers, and alle Chrysten Soules.” (*Dugd. Baron., v. 240.*) Old Scottish poets sometimes compute by winters; thus in *Wyntoun's Cronicle*, VI, l. 75:

“Sevyn hundyr wynter & fourty  
And fyve to rekyn fullyly.”

In the reign of Henry VI, the duke of Norfolk, providing for his foundation at Ewelme, wills, “that a nother lerned man of the Universitie of Oxenford, passed xxx<sup>t</sup>. winter of age, if any such may goodly be hadde, be provided.”

—*Duo Rerum Angl. Script., t. II, p. 565.*

This season is employed for the whole year by Horace, who advises Leuconee not to inquire whether several winters are allotted to him, or the present is his last:

“Seu plures hyemes, seu tribuit Jupiter ultimam.”

*I, Od. 11, v. 4.*

In the same manner, Nereus prophesies the destruction of Troy after the lapse of certain winters:

“Post certas hyemes uret Achaicus

*Ignis Iliacas domos.” Ib., Od. 15, v. 35.*

This poet uses December also for the year:

“Hic tertius December, ex quo destiti

*Inachia furere.” Epod., IX, v. 7.*

He has burned with love of Inachia three Decembers, or years.

Claudian also represents a husbandman computing his years by the number of his harvests—to him of far more importance than the succession of consuls; but it does not appear that the Romans ever dated their transactions by the part of a year for the whole, like the Gothic nations. On the northern computation by winters, see *Lakmann, de Comput. Annorum per Hyemes*; 4to, Kiel, 1744.

Winter Fylleth.—October: V. 431. The *Menol. Sax., Jul., A. X*, gives no explanation of this term, probably because the words signify no more than Winter is filling, or coming in. See *Wynterfyllet*.

Anð þær embe tƿa niht	And then after two nights
þ re teoða monð.	the tenth month
on pole ƿeñeð.	to people passes
ƿnðe geþeahte.	prudent in council
octobeƿi on tun.	October in its place;
ur to genihte.	to us for sufficient
ƿinten ƿylleð.	Wynter Fylleth
rya hine ƿrde cīgð.	as widely call it
ȝgbuenðe engle ȝ reaxe.	the islanders Angles & Saxons
ƿenaf mīð ƿifum.	men with women.

Cott. MS., Tib., B. I., fo. 11 b.

Winter Heyning.—The season between 11th Nov. and 23rd April, which is excepted from the liberty of commoning in the forest of Dean.—*St. 20 Car. II, cap. 3.*

Wissonday.—Whitsunday, in *Robert of Brunne*, p. 61 :

“ On the Wissonday at Burgh in Lyndeseie  
Com bode to the kyng and thus gan to seie.”

This term is closely allied to the Teutonic “ Weissentag.”

Witembre.—October, in a charter of 1228, from the Fr. *huit*, eight.

Wittave, Wittive.—Octave; foreign corruptions of the Fr. *huitieve* & *huittieve*.

Witt Sonday.—Whitsunday, but with a different derivation. In a MS. homily of the 15th century (*In die Pentecosten*), the “righte worshipfulle frendis” are told that “this day is callide Witt Sonday because the Holy Goste this day brought wytte & wisdome to alle Cristes apostles & disciplis, and so bi theirre prechinge, Doctrine ande Teachinge, to alle Cristene Peple” (*Harl. MS.*, 2247). The same thing is found nearly in the same words, in several other ancient MSS.

Wives’ Feast Day.—Candlemas Day, in the north of England.

WLFRAHMUS, Bishop & Confessor.—Oct. 15 : E. 458. See WULFRAN.

WLFRID.—Oct. 12 : T. 444 ; E. 458 (see WILFRID). His day at Paris is March 29.

WLMAR.—July 20 : G. 410 ; V. 428 ; T. 441. See WULMAR.

Wednesday.—Wednesday, in *Robert of Gloucester*, p. 229 :

“ Englisse clupede, after Woden, Wodnesday,  
þat ys day in þe wouke, and, after Frye, Fryday.”

Woke.—A Week, from the Sax. poec : “ xvi<sup>id</sup> wokely, that is to say lxix<sup>iiii</sup> iiii<sup>iiii</sup> in the yere.”—*Duo Rer. Angl. Script.*, p. 549.

Wolfmonat.—January, among the Saxons.—*Verstegan*, p. 62.

Woodmunday.—The Monday after Midsummer Day. The following is the title of a MS. in the Bodleian Library (*Codex 2067*, fo. 113 b) : “ Insurrecio comitatus Essexiae & Middlesexiae propter metum Ducis Burgundiae, &c. applicantis apud Maldon, ut dicebatur, in crastino S. Johannis Baptiste, scil. die Lunae vocato le Woodmunday.”

WOLSTAN, Bishop.—January 19 : L. 461. His Translation, June 7. See WULSTAN :

" The vilij day the trowth to tell  
 In the fest of saint Wolston that day bifelle,  
 And thus was vpon a thorsiday  
 Oure kynge thanne in good aray,  
 Fulle rialliche in his estate  
 As a conquerour there he sate.

*Siege of Rouen, Harl. MS., 2256, fo. 192 b.*

**Wouke.**—A Week, from one of the Saxon varieties, poec or puce:

" Jon king Richards broþer, after his broþer deþe  
 Ne abod noȝt wel longe, seue wouke vnuþe  
 Ar he let him crouni king an holi þorisday."

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 492.*

**WULFRAN.**—See WLFRAÑNUS. He was canonized in the 7th century—*Vincent., l. XXIII, c. 131*; *Hospin. de Fest., fo. 16*.

**WULMARUS.**—July 20: G. 410. A confessor, who died on this day.—*Petr. de Natal., l. XI, c. ult., n. 173*.

**WULSTAN,** Translation of.—June 7: V. 427 (interpolated): " vii id. Junil" (*Tho. Wikes, Chron., p. 39*). See WOLSTAN.

**Wunne Monath.**—The Month of Joy, i.e. May.

**Wyke.**—A Week (see *Wouke*). " In the wyke Friday."—*Robert of Gloucester, p. 112.*

**Wyn Monath.**—The Month of Wine, i.e. October.

**Wynter.**—See *Winter*. The date of King Athelstan's death, in *Robert of Brunne, p. 92*, is—

" The date whan he died of God men tellis by  
 Nien hundredth wynter, & fulle fourty."

" þan sayde þe lady ga quothe scheo mykul may fallen in xxx wyntur, gow  
 we & be weddud."—*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II, fo. 66.*

**Wynterfyllet.**—See *Winter Fylleth*. " Ac si dicas composito nomine hyemeplumum."—*Bed., Oper., t. I, De Rat. Temp., c. 13.*

**Wytesonday.**—Whitsunday. *Robert of Gloucester, p. 148.*

**Wytsonday.**—" Gode men ge knoweth wel þis day is callyd Wytsonday for  
 encheson þis be holy goste as þis day brought wytte & wysdom in to alle  
 crystes dysciplis & so be here prechyng astur into all crystys pepul. þan  
 schal ge knownen þis many have wytte bot no wysdome," &c. (*Cott. MS., Claud., A. II, fo. 73*).

" þey wer ywedded as y you say,  
 Vp on a wytsonday,  
 Before princes of moche pryd,  
 No man ne may telle yn tale  
 What folk þis was at þis bredale."

*Cott. MS., Calig., A. II, fo. 33 b.*

**Wytson Tyde, Wyttesontyd.**—Whitsuntide.—*Robert of Gloucester, p. 149, 187, 332, &c.*

**Wytson Wyke.**—Whitsun Week (see *Wyke*).—*Paston Letters, v. IV, p. 210.*

XENA.—Jan. 24.

XENOPHON & Sons.—January 26.

Xerophagia.—A Greek fast. See *Lent*, p. 238.

XIXTUS.—Aug. 6: G. 411. See *SIXTUS*.

Yannunciac'on.—The Annunciation (*Paston Letters*, v. IV, p. 76). Y, in this case, and others similar, is a corrupt writing of þ, as þ'annunciacion, after the þ had ceased to be recognized as an English letter. In some MSS. as early as the 14th century, we find þ instead of þ; now þ in writing may very easily be changed into the y of our older MS. characters. Such words as *the, them, this, that, &c.*, were mostly contracted thus—þ<sup>e</sup>, þ<sup>m</sup>, þ<sup>s</sup>, &c.; then þ<sup>o</sup>, þ<sup>r</sup>, &c., and, lastly, y<sup>e</sup>, yt, y<sup>m</sup>. In the *Progressus Domini Suffraganei* (an original MS.), by one of the visitants of monasteries in the reign of Henry VIII., y, þ, & th, are used indifferently in contractions of this kind; as, for instance—" Item to Lanchast' to y<sup>e</sup> Fryer p'cheers off y<sup>e</sup> fu'dac'on off S<sup>r</sup> Hew Haryngtone knyghte v mylys fro' y<sup>e</sup> top<sup>er</sup>" " x mylys fp<sup>r</sup>" " But y<sup>e</sup> furst fu'dac'on was in y<sup>e</sup> yeer off our lord," &c.—*Harl. MS.*, 804, fo. 106.

Yassumption.—The Assumption.—*Rot. Parl.*

Years of Christ.—*Epochs of the Nativity*. Father Thomas Vincent Morelia has drawn a brief synopsis of the writers who have supported five hypotheses, respecting the precise year from the building of Rome in which Christ was born. Hardouin appears to be the only chronologist who places his birth in the year 747—and from him widely differ Baronius, Scaliger & others, who ascribe the Nativity to 750.

A. U. 747. P. J. 4707. Ol. 193. ii Aug. 38 Herodis, 34 &  
31 A. E. Chr. 7.

Coss. { Tib. Claud. Nero ii.  
Cn. Calpurn. Piso.

Sub his consulibus Christum mense Septembri natum per  
eram censuit J. Harduin.

748.—In hunc annum conferunt natalem Christi diem, Keplerus,  
M. Anton. Capellus, Henschenius, Pagius, Schestratius,  
Blanchinus.

749.—Hoc anno auspicatissimo nativitatem J. Christi consignant  
J. Deckerius, Petavius, Usserius, Lancelottus, Norisius,  
Natalis Alexander, Tillmontius, Gravesonus, ceterique  
eruditii viri, quibus accedimus.

750.—Sub his consulibus (Calvisio Sabino, Rufo, seu Rufino) na-  
tum Christum sensit inter veteres Sulpitius Severus, inter  
recentiores Bernardus Lamius.

751.—Baronius, Josephus Scaliger aliique arbitrati sunt hoc anno  
nativitatem consignandam, &c.

(*Tab. Chron. XVII*), *De Annis Jesu Christ.*  
*Dissert. Rom.*, 1741.

*Ancient Commencements of the Year.*—The Latins had eight beginnings of the year. Some began it in March, with the first Romans under Romulus; others in January, like the Romans under Numa. Several began it on Dec. 25, seven days before us. Others went back to the 25th of March, the day of the conception or incarnation, commonly called the Ascension, so that they began the year 9 months and 7 days before us. There were others who taking March 25 for New Year's Day, differed a whole year in their manner of reckoning from those who have just been mentioned. The former carried the year back 9 months and 7 days, and reckoned, for instance, the year 1000 from March 25 of our year 999; the latter, on the contrary, delayed the beginning 3 months *minus* 7 days, and still counted the year 999 to the 24th March inclusively, where we reckon 1000 from Jan. 1.. Others began the year at Easter, and advanced or retarded the first day according to Easter Day; these, like the preceding, also began the year 3 months after us—sometimes a little more or less, as Easter might fall. There were some few who appear to have begun the year an entire year before us, dating, *ex. gr.* from January, 1103, where we should reckon the year 1102.

We shall not extend the proof that Gregory of Tours, and other writers of the 6th & 7th centuries, have sometimes begun the year in March. Mabillon has demonstrated it in his *Diplom.*, I. II., c. 23, n. 4. We still find this usage in the 8th century, as in a statute of the Council of Ver, or Vern (*Concil. Vernense*), held in 755, by which it is ordained—"ut bis in anno Synodus fiat: prima synodus mense primo, quod est kalendis Martiis." Here not only the month of March, but the kalends, or March 1, appear for the beginning of the new year.\* It is indifferent to our subject to enquire into the kind of year, whether solar or lunar, of which this council speaks. We know that these sorts of years have often been distinguished, and that different beginnings have often been given to them. This well-founded distinction may conduce to raise several difficulties—but for the present it matters little: we are merely seeking to prove a commencement of the year in

\* The French derived their usage of beginning the year at March 1 from Germany. In fact we see in the German laws, that *tres kalendae Martiae* are employed to express three years: "Ne in mallo publico transactis, tribus kalendis martiis posthac ancilla maneat in perpetuum" (*tit. 17, s. 5*). The decree of Thassilo, duke of Bavaria in the 8th century, says the same thing (*c. 2, s. 12*). This *mallum publicum* was the general assembly of the people called *Campus Martis*,\* because it opened with this month, and consequently with the year. But in 755, according to the *Annales Petaviennes*, it was transferred to the 1st of May: "Venit Thasilo ad Martis Campum, et mutaverunt *Martis Campum in mense maio*." But it does not appear that this change carried with it that of beginning the year. We see by a letter from Pope Zachary to St. Boniface, archbishop of Mayence, that in this same age, during the life of Thassilo, the year began Jan. 1 in Germany: "Ubi Germani kalendas januarias et brumam ritu Paganorum colere, et aliquid novi facere proper novum annum prohibentur."

\* It was called *Campus Martii* by our writers, and the meeting was held May 1.—See Vol. I., p. 267-8.

March, which may be of use in verifying certain dates. To make this verification, it is not necessary to know whether the date which occasions the difficulty be the date of the year according to the course of the sun, or of a year according to that of the moon—it is sufficient that it is a date which has been employed, and which is found to be true according to one or other of the courses followed by the ancients, indifferently enough perhaps, as we shall see by Gregory of Tours, who sometimes begins the year in March, and sometimes in January. When he begins the year in March, he calls July the fifth month (in *t. IV, c. 4 of the Miracles of St. Martin*). On beginning it with January, he calls May the fifth month, in *c. 35* of the same book.

We find but one example of the year commencing on March 18; it occurs in a letter from the clergy of Liege to the clergy of Treves, on the difference of the *Quatuor Tempora*, or Ember Weeks, in *Martenne, Anecd.*, *t. I.*, *p. 295*. It was written at the beginning of the 12th century, and the author attests that this century began March 18: "Mense martio secundum positionem gentilium mediato primus dies seculo praesfigitur in xviii ejusdem mensis, qui est xv kal. Aprilis." He speaks, no doubt, of the beginning of the astronomical year, which opens with Spring, and not of the civil year of Liege and Treves.

With respect to the beginning of the year on Dec. 25 or March 25, nothing is clearer than what we read in the statutes of the churches of Cahors, Rodez & Tulle, in 1289, in *Martenne's Anecdotes*—"Nota quod numerus lunaris et littera dominicalis mutantur annuatim in festo Circumcisionis; anni vero incarnationis domini mutantur ista in festo Apnunciationis beatæ Marie, et quibusdam regionibus in festo Nativitatis Domini." Here are two well-defined commencements, Christmas Day and the Annunciation. But does this day of the Annunciation precede by 9 months and 7 days, or follow by 3 months *minus* 7 days, our commencement of the year in January? This question is decided by the following: "Ita quod in festo Circumcisionis Domini, ubi mutatur numerus lunaris, incipias quod hoc computare numerum annorum domini, qui erit in festo Annunciationis proxime tunc sequenti." These words clearly demonstrate that the day of the Annunciation, regarded as the first of the year 1289, was March 25, which is after the month of January; and, therefore, they began the year 3 months *minus* 7 days after us.

We must now prove that the day of the Annunciation, which precedes the Nativity by 9 months, and 9 months and 7 days before our Julian year with the month of January, has been considered the first year of the Incarnation. This is certain as to Italy. All agree that Dionysius Parvus established the usage there, on introducing the method of computing by the years of the Incarnation. We know that the Pisans followed, until 1745, the same usage in their dates, being guided by this motive, that it is more natural to put the day of the conception before that of the birth, than to place the birth before the conception, as those do who commence the year on Christmas Day. In the chronology of the Popes, bulls were dated in this manner, like the Pisans.\* We must shew this usage in France—for in Spain, England and

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\* Gelasius II (from 1118 to 1119) followed the Pisan calculation, but began

Germany, it appears that they never knew of it; and it is probable that it passed from Italy to France.

In the cartulary of St. Maur des Fosses, a charter of King Robert is dated "Datum VII kalend. Novembr., indictione XII, anno XII regnante Roberto rege—anno incarnationi verbi millesimo." The first year of King Robert, with Hugh Capet his father, is 998, so that the 12th year answers to 999 of the Incarnation, according to our manner of reckoning. The indiction 12 also marks the year 999. Why has the notary joined the 12th year of Robert and the indiction 12 to the year 1000 of the Incarnation, if he did not begin with the 26th of March, or 9 months & 7 days before us? For the same reason, an original charter of the same king is dated—"Actum Parisiis anno dominicae incarnationis MXXVIII regnante Roberto rege XL;" and another for the abbey of Coulombs—"Actum publice Parisiis anno incarnationi verbi MXXVIII regnante Roberto rege XL." If the chancellor or notary had not reckoned the year 9 months & 7 days before us, he would have put 41 of the king, since 41 answers only to 1028, beginning at January, 9 months & 7 days after the Annunciation.\*

The calculation of Helgand, in his Life of King Robert, agrees with these acts. He expressly says that Robert died—"anno qui est incarnationis millesimus tricesimus secundus." He would have said 31st, if he had not begun the year 9 months & 7 days before us, since, in fact, Robert died July 20, 1031, as Helgand himself proves by his words: "Obdormivit autem in domino XIII kal. Augusti lucescente aurora diei Sabbati;" that is to say, Tuesday, which will agree with 13 kal. Aug., or July 20 in 1031, a concurrence not to be found in 1032.†

Such are the means of making Helgand agree with himself and with the truth of history. The same means will serve to reconcile several other seeming contradictions, which come from our ignorance, or little attention to the ancient mode of computing.

These proofs leave nothing to be desired for Robert's reign. Let us add one for the following reign, which may be carried up to the last evidence. An original charter of Henry I is dated, "Actum Vitriaco palatio publice—mense Septembr., luna XI, indictione V, ab incarnatione domini MLII, regni Henrici XXI, XII kal. Octobr." It is evident that the charter begins March

the year at Easter; hence, we are not to be surprised that he dates one of his bulls Dec. 20, 1119, although he died on the 29th of January this year.—*L'Art de vérifier les Dates*, t. III, p. 342.

\* Nevertheless, this usage was not constantly followed in Robert's diplomas. We have proof to the contrary in a charter of this prince's, dated—"Acta sunt hsec anno pene finito decimo post millesimum, indictione IX, epacta XV, mense Februario, feria secunda, luna XX, sub imperio Roberti," &c. This 20 of the moon fell on Feb. 26, 1011—consequently the notary began the year three months after us, whether at March 25 or Easter.—*Ibid.*

† This is not perfectly clear: Helgand says that Robert slept in the lord in the year which is 1032nd of the Incarnation, July 20, at day-break on Saturday. July 20 fell on Saturday in 1028, but on Thursday in 1032. Probably there is an error in the "XIII kal. Augusti," instead of "XI."

26, 9 months & 7 days before us, if the dates do not answer to 1052, and if they all agree with 1051. The *xii kal. Aug.* marks Sept. 20, which was the 11th of the moon in 1051, since in that year the first of the moon was Sept. 10. This date of the moon cannot be absolutely allied to the 20th Sept., 1052; but is just so in the 21st of his reign. This 21st regnal year does not answer to 1052, but to 1051, provided that this king began to reign July 20, 1031. As to the induction v, it also agrees with 1051, beginning it in September, as was sometimes done in France.

This reasoning appears decisive, and applies to a charter in *Gallia Christiana*, t. I, p. 57: *Facta donatio hec anno incarnationis domini MLXII, indictione XIV, pridie idus Junii, IIII feria, epacta XXVI, luna XIX.*" All these dates, except the first, mark the year 1061. We make the first date, 1062, agree with the rest, by commencing the year 9 months & 7 days before us. The editors, who did not know this manner of computing, have reported this charter in 1062, and, in consequence, they have thought that there was a fault in the induction, and that instead of 14 it should be 15. Critics are exposed to like anachronisms, where they pay attention to the years of Christ and the induction, without examining other chronological indices.

There remains to be examined a charter, in which Mabillon believed that he perceived the usage of beginning the year on the 25th March, 9 months & 7 days before us, well established in the church of Rheims at the end of the 14th century (*Diplom.*, l. II, c. 23, n. 7): "Datum et actum in monasterio nostro Sancti Basillii sub anno Domini, secundum cursum ecclesiæ Remensis, MCCCXC, XIII die mensis Junii, pontificatus Clementis—papæ VII anno XII." This date, says Mabillon, marks 1389, which was in June the 12th of Clement VII, who was elected in 1378; whence he concludes that it is probable that, at the end of the 14th century, the Pisan calculation was followed in the church of Rheims. This remark would be well founded, if the election of Clement had preceded 13 June, 1378, but as this pope was not elected till 21 Sept., 1378, Mabillon's reasoning falls to the ground. For, beginning the years of the pontificate on 21 Sept., the day of his election, the 12th year of Clement VII would still run to the month of June, 1390. But what do the words, "according to the course of the church of Rheims," which necessarily fall on the year 1390, signify? Do they not indicate that there were churches, at the end of the 14th century, where they followed a manner of counting the years of Christ, according to which it would not have failed to reckon 1390? If it be so, it will appear out of doubt that this other manner of reckoning was that of beginning at 25th March, 9 months & 7 days before us. This conjecture is confirmed by the date of the Council of Soissons: "Anno domini MCCCCCLVI, indictione IIII, mensis Julii die Veneris XI, pontificat. sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Calixti divinæ providentie Papæ tertii anno primo." This pope was elected 8th April 1455. The same year the induction was 3, and July 11 was Friday.\*

\* The confirmation of the convention between Edward III and the archbishop of Treves contains a date, which proves that the churches of England and Treves followed the same calculation, but nothing more: "Dat anno

A very common practice under the third race of French kings, was to begin the year at Easter, about 3 months after us. Thus, in two charters, both in 1363 according to our manner of counting—the first is dated, “*De Villeneuve pres d'Avignon le Vendredi saint, 31 Mars, de l'an 1363*,” beginning the year at Easter: the second, which is on the day following, is dated—“*De Villeneuve pres d'Avignon le samedi de Pâques, apres la benediction du clerge, le premier d'Avril de l'an 1363*.” This scrupulous attention to mark “*after the benediction of the taper*,” which anciently was a ceremony performed from Saturday night to Sunday, indicates, so to speak, the first moment of the new year. It began with, or immediately after this ceremony.\* We ought not here to forget the ancient inscription on the paschal taper; it marked the year of Christ, the indiction, and other chronological notes, as Mabillon proves by examples (*Diplom.*, l. II, c. 23, n. 8). It is probably from this inscription that the usage commenced of beginning the year at Easter.

The time at which this usage began to be established in France cannot be precisely marked;† but we know that it lasted to the edict of Charles IX, in January, 1563, O. S., in which, *art. 39* ordains, that public and private acts shall be dated from Jan. 1, which was confirmed by his declaration at Roussillon, on the 4th of August following.‡ It is only since this law that uniformity is found in French dates. For anterior dates, nothing more is necessary than to remember the divers commencements of the year, and another of which we shall soon treat, and which is one entire year before ours. Without this attention, it is impossible to reconcile an infinity of dates, which are very exact and true, and we shall certainly be exposed to the error of contradiction where there is none. We must pay the same attention in pe-

*Domini MCCCCXXXVIII secundum stylum et consuetudinem ecclesiarum Angliae et provinciarum Trevie die XVIII mensis Martii*” (*Rymer, Fader.*, t. III, p. i, p. 1077). The confirmation was made 13 Edw. III, or 1339, whence it appears that both churches began the year at March 25, 9 months & 7 days before us; but the date itself does not prove the fact. See another date of this kind, *infra*, p. 408.

\* In some places, they began the year after the consecration of the fonts. A contract made April 5, 1539, is dated—“*apres les fons benis*.” From this usage of commencing the year at Easter, it sometimes happened that there were two months of April almost complete in the same year. For instance, 1374 beginning on Easter Day, April 1, ended on the following Easter, April 2. There are several charters of this year dated from April, in which there is nothing to shew whether they belong to 1347 or 1348.—*Verif. des Dates*.

† We find vestiges of this usage from the 6th century, at least for the ecclesiastical year. The Council of Tours in 567, noting the distribution of divine service through the course of the year, ends the distribution at Easter.—*Can. 18.—Ibid.*

‡ This law was not adopted by the parliament of Paris till 1567. The year preceding had only 8 months 17 days from April 14 to Dec. 31. The church of Beauvais was still more tardy, and did not adopt it till 1580. The neighbouring countries of France copied the same reform in their kalendar, sooner

rasing annals and chronicles, where we suppose that we find contradictions without number. One chronicle, for instance, relates a fact in 1000—an other in 999. We decide without hesitation, that it is a fault in one or the other. This fault, however, is not always real, and sometimes it is only apparent. It would disappear if attention were paid to the divers commencements of the year. Sometimes it happens, that the beginning of the year is not the same every where in the same chronicle. This is because the greater part of the writers of chronicles were only compilers or copyists of several authors, connected together in the same work. They have put, without discernment, such years as they have found in the different authors, of whom some began the year as we do now, some earlier, and others later. The *Annales de Metz* supply a proof. It is well known that Charlemagne was crowned emperor Dec. 25, 800, according to our manner of counting the years—and that he died Jan. 28, 814. Two annalists relate the coronation in 801, and his death in 813. They relate the coronation in 801 instead of 800, in consequence of beginning the year on Dec. 25—and his death Jan. 28, 813, instead of 814, from beginning the year with March, or rather March 25, or perhaps only at Easter.

If we meet with different commencements of the same year in one and the same chronicle, what are we to expect from divers chronicles compared with each other? Shall we not find all the variations in this respect? This is certain, and Gervase of Canterbury furnishes a proof of it. This author lived at the commencement of the 13th century, when chronicles were multiplied to infinity. Let us hear what he tells us: "Inter ipsos etiam chronicæ scriptores (these are the terms with which he prefaces his own chronicle) nonnulla dissentio est. Nam cum omnium unica et præcipua sit intentio

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or later. In the Franche Comté, as soon as the edict of Charles IX appeared, the States addressed the parliament of Dole, and in 1566 obtained a provisional rule conformable to the edict, which was confirmed, in 1575, by an edict of Philip II. The same year (1575) the Duke de Requesens, governor of the Low Countries, ordained by placard, 16th June, that the year shoud commence Jan. 1. In 1576, Philip II of Spain ordered the same thing for Burgundy. The States of Holland had long before established this manner of reckoning time, and we see that they laboured to introduce it from 1532. In Louvaine, the duke, Charles III, established it by edict, Nov. 15, 1579. Previously there was nothing fixed—some began at the Annunciation, some at Christmas, and others at Easter, in this country. Though there was no express law in Germany to begin the year at Jan. 1, it appears that this usage was almost universally established there before it was in France. We should be led to believe that it was introduced by the emperor, Maximilian I; the act by which he ratified the famous treaty of Cambrai, concluded Dec. 10, 1508, was dated from Malines, Dec. 26 the same year; and that we may not believe that he began the year at Easter or March 25, we give the date of the hereditary league made between the Houses of Austria and Burgundy on one part, and the Swiss Cantons on the other: "Faict a Basle, en Urgou, le vendredi, 7 jour de fevrier, l'an apres la nat. &c. courant 1511," &c.; and Feb. 7 fell on Friday in the year 1511, begun at January 1.—*Ibid.*

.annos domini eorumque continentias supputatione veraci enarrare, ipsos domini annos diversis modis et terminis numerant, sicutque in ecclesiam Dei multam mendaciorum confusionem inducunt. Quidam enim annos domini incipiunt computare ab Annuntiatione, alii a Nativitate, quidam a Circumcisione, quidam vero a Passione." Let us add to this enumeration of Gervase what we have proved above: *Quidam a Martio, quidam tandem a Paschate.* The following are the reflections which he makes on these different commencements of the year of the incarnation: "Cui ergo istorum magis credendum est? Annus solaris secundum Romanorum traditionem et ecclesias Dei consuetudinem, a kalendis Januarii sumit initium: in diebus natalis Domini, hoc est in fine Decembris sortitur finem. Quomodo ergo utriusque vera potest esse computatio, cum alter in principio, alter in fine anni solaris annos incipiat incarnationis? Uterque etiam annis Domini unum eundemque titulum apponit, cum dicit, anno qb incarnatione tanto vel tanto facta sunt illa et illa. His alilis similibus ex causis in ecclesia Dei orta est non modica dissentio."

After a testimony of an eye-witness so clear and precise, we may regard as sufficiently proved the confusion which the different usages of beginning the year had cast into chronicles. But Gervase's text says still more than it appears to express. On examining it more closely, we think that we find another commencement, of which we speak without proving it. This is founded on these words: "Annus solaris secundum Romanorum," &c.—"annos incipiat incarnationis." It does not appear that we must understand these words of those who began the year with Dec. 25, and those who began seven days later, with January. A difference of seven days was not capable of causing the confusion of which this monk complains, when he says—"Quomodo ergo," &c. Does not this manner of speaking clearly mark two things: 1st, that there were authors who began with January, and that 1 year *minus* 7 days before those who began on Dec. 25; and, 2ndly, that both, notwithstanding the difference of a year, marked these two years in their chronicles by the same year of the Incarnation? If such is a true sense of these words (as it appears to us we cannot doubt it), we are in a condition to answer a difficulty proposed by Mabillon (*Diplom.*, l. II, c. 25, n. 9). This difficulty turns on two bulls of Paschal II, who was consecrated 14th Aug. 1099. The first is dated 5th February, 1108, and the second, 23rd March of the same year, both before March 25. The other dates of these bulls are, indiction 10 and 3rd year of the pontificate of Paschal II. These two last dates mark the year 1102, while those of the bulls announce 1103, and that before March 25. How are we to resolve these difficulties? By saying that the chancellor who prepared these bulls began the year of the Incarnation a full year before us, and that he counted 1103 where we say 1102. This reply is founded on the words of Gervase, and the interpretation which we have given of them is confirmed by these bulls.\*

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\* An instance of this occurs in the Saxon chronicles, under the year 806. A crucifix, the writer says, was seen in the moon on Wednesday morning, 2 non. Junii. Here he has reckoned 806 where we have 805, in which 2 non. Junii was Wednesday.

For the rest, these commencements of the year of the Incarnation a twelvemonth anterior to ours ought not to excite astonishment, when every author was at liberty to begin the year when he chose. We have seen above, that there were some who began the year on the 25th March, 9 months and 7 days before us. This manner did not prevent those who followed it from regarding Jan. 1 as the first day of the solar year, according to the Romans, which usage was well known in the West.\* Thence it very naturally happened that, not to estrange themselves from this usage, they began to date their facts by such or such a year of the Incarnation, though they well knew that this such or such a year ought not to commence till March 25 following. There are autho'res of this kind among those who dated by the years of our kings, and who, without paying attention either to the month or the precise day of the beginning of a reign, dated from the month of the following January, the second year of these princes, though they were not ignorant that their reign began only a certain number of months after that January.†

\* Letters of grace granted in 1455, in the *Trésor des Chartres*, are dated "le premier jour de janvier, qu'on appelle communement le premier jour de l'an." It was the custom at this time to give new year's gifts on Jan. 1.—*Ib.*

† *Practice of different Countries.*—Fredegarius and his continuator began March 1. This custom was not peculiar to the French: we observe it in several diplomas of the German emperors. La Mire reports one of the emperor Otho, dated 22nd Jan., 986, the 31st of his reign. This prince came to the throne in the beginning of July, 986; on the 22nd Jan., 986, he was only in the 30th, and not the 31st year of his reign. But Otho or his chancellor counted the incomplete years like the complete, and regarded the year 986 as if it had begun on the first day of this year, and consequently reckoned the last seven months as a complete year of this prince's reign. A number of examples of this kind are found in other diplomas of this monarch, of Henry his father, of Otho II his son, Henry II, Conrad II, Henry III, and Lotharius III, as may be seen in the first column of Gotwick's chronicle. Cardinal Noris, in his letter on a medal of Herod Antipas, remarks from Kepler & Petavius, that the Jews reckoned the years of their kings from the month Nisan, which preceded their ascent to the throne. In this manner, they counted a second year on the 1st of Nisan following, however short a time they had reigned before. He proves it by a passage from Josephus, which bears no difficulty. The Talmud is equally formal with the above: "Primus dies Nisan est novus annus regum. Annus est a quo numerare et supputare incipiebant annos regum suorum in contractibus, chirographis et publicis omnibus instrumentis et diplomatis, qui ad annos et menses regis regnantis componebatur." But we also see by the same book, and by other monuments, as Samuel Petit proves, that the Jews counted the reigns of the emperors and other foreign princes from the month Tisri, which had preceded their ascent to the throne, when it had passed only a few months, and even a single day. On these principles we may explain the dates of the Jewish princes on the medals of Philip the tetrarch, Herod, king of Chalcidæ, Herod Antipas, Agrippa I, and Agrippa, jun.

The Egyptians, says the Abbé Bellei, followed the peculiar usage of reckon-

What has been said of the divers commencements of the year in charters and chronicles, proves what attention we should bring to the perusal of these ancient monuments. Without it, we shall be continually liable to mistakes—and the more readily, as those who began the year differently did not, like Gervase, advertise us of the fact. They all date from the Incarnation, without saying whether they began it on the 25th of March, 9 months & 7 days before us, or 3 months *minus* 7 days after us—nor whether they began with January 1 of the year which precedes ours, or with the same month of January as we, or with March, Easter, or Christmas.\*

But it is not the years of the incarnation only that we are liable to mistake; we may easily err as to the years of the passion. We find several charters, in which the years of the passion are added to those of the incarnation. Du Cange reports three examples under *Annus*. To reconcile these two dates, it is not sufficient to know how our ancients counted the years of the incarnation, we must further know how they computed those of the passion, or in what age of our Lord they report his death. Some thought that

ing a new regnal year in Thoth, or the first day of their civil year, so that they reckoned a second year at Thoth, which opened a new year, when the princes had reigned only a few months before. Pagi has observed that, without this method, we cannot explain the date of a second year of Galba, nor the fifth year of Heliogabalus, on Egyptian medals. By the same method, Baron de la Bastie explains the eighth year, H, of the emperor Probus, on medals struck in Egypt.

Cardinal Noris proves that the inhabitants of Antioch and Laodicea, in Syria, counted, in the same way, a new year of a reign at the beginning of their civil year. Such was the practice of the Tyrians and of Seleucia.—*Ibid.*

\* *Practice in the West.*—The commencement of the year at Christmas was long observed in *Germany*, where we see it established from the 10th century. Wippo, in his Life of Conrad the Salic, says—“Inchoato anno Nativitatis Christi Chonradus in ipso regia civitate Natalem Domini celebravit.” The historian Bruno, who wrote towards the end of the 11th century, thus finishes his history of the Saxon war: “Anno MLXXXII (1081) in natali Stephani Protomartyris, Heremannus a Sigefrido Moguntinæ sedis archiepiscopo in regem venerabiliter est unctus.” The Saxon annalist, who has brought his history to 1139, begins every year of his annals in this manner—the emperor celebrated his Christmas in this city, then the Epiphany, then the Purification, in such a place. This usage, however, was not universal in Germany. At Cologne, the year began at Easter. It is true that a council in 1310 (*can. 23*) ordained, that henceforth the year should begin at Christmas, *according to the custom of the Roman church*; but that regarded only the ecclesiastical style, and they continued to begin the civil year at Easter, which they called the *style of the court*. The university of Cologne had its own style, and began at March 25, which was in use in 1428. At Mayence, until the 15th century, Christmas Day opened the year, but at length the custom of beginning the year at January 1 was gradually established. We have already remarked that Sigbert, (*supr. fo. 544*), in giving March 18 for the first day of 1101, understood the astronomical, and not the civil year. Haltaus is certainly mistaken in saying,

he died aged 32, others 33, and others 34. This is what Gervase of Canterbury expressly says, where he complains of this diversity of opinions as a new source of error. In order not to mistake, we must continually recall these three opinions on the year of the passion, and never forget what has been said according to Gervase. We ought farther to add an important remark, namely, that the year of the passion is sometimes confounded with that of the incarnation, as in a charter of Thibaud 1, count de Champagne : " Data v idus Januarii, indictione vi, anno a passione Domini MLXXXIII, regni autum Philippi XXXIX, scripta manu Ingelrani, Carnotensis ecclesiae decani et cancelleri." We cannot suppose that Ingelran was mistaken in this charter, and wrote, without thinking of it, "passione" instead of *incarnatione*, because he is not the only one of that time who wrote in this manner. We have an author of the same age, who, in the first book of his Miracles of St. Aile, abbot of Rebais, also takes the word *passion* for that of the incarnation :

that March 19 began the civil year until towards 1287, and then gave way to Jan. 1. It appears, on the contrary, that the custom of the church of Liege, from the commencement of the 13th century, and even before, to begin the year at *Sabbatum Sanctum*, after the benediction of the paschal taper : " Attendum (says Hocsem, canon of Liege in the 14th century, in his Life of Bishop Henry de Gueldre, cap. 1) quod a tempore ejus memoria non existit, annorum Nativitatis Domini cumulatio, sive ejuslibet anni succrescentis initium in cereo consecrato paschali hactenus depingi tabula consuevit, et ab illa hora annus dominicus inchoabat." But that was changed in 1334 by Bishop Adolphus, who substituted Christmas Day for that of Easter. At Treves, March 25 began the year about the same age. After a long time, it began at Jan. 1. Bronver, in the 17th century, says—" Our notaries and other public writers, in their acts, always take March 25 for the first of the new year." But this custom was abolished by the elector, Gaspar Wanderleyen, who was made bishop in 1652, and died in 1676. At Strasburg, a kalendar of the 11th century begins the year with the Circumcision. But we cannot infer from it that it was the beginning of the civil year. A proof to the contrary is found in a charter of Bishop Wernarius, granted at the beginning of that century : " Actum anno incarnationis dominicae, MV<sup>o</sup>, indictione II, epacta XXVI, concurrente VI." These chronological characters answer only to 1004, begun at January 1, from which the conclusion is, that the charter was made between Christmas Day of that year, which Wernarius began with that day, and Jan. 1 following, and to which he attached the commencement of the indiction, epact & concurrent. We can bring more ancient proofs of the beginning of the year at Christmas in Alsace. A kalendar of the 8th century begins at *viii kal. Januarii*, and a ritual nearly as ancient begins, " Ordo in Nativitate Domini." The style of the imperial court, from the beginning of the 16th century, was to open the year with Jan. 1. The proof of this is in the famous treaty of Cambray, between Julius II, the emperor Maximilian, and Louis XII, against the Venetians. It was signed Dec. 10, 1508, and the ratification, Dec. 26, 1508. Therefore Maximilian did not begin it at Christmas.

In Hungary, they began the year either at Christmas or Jan. 1.

In Denmark, according to Ol. Wormius, they began sometimes at Christ-

"Roberto apud Merovingiam, quæ alio nomine dicitur Francia, tenente jus regium, post mille a passione Domini volumina annorum, ipso millenarii impleti anno," &c. (*Acta SS. Bened.*, s. 11, p. 326). This deed expressly says, that Robert reigned the year 1000 after the passion; but King Robert did not reign in the year 1000 of the passion properly so called, since he died in 1031, and the 1000th year of the passion, properly so called, does not answer to any year of Robert, in whatever manner we reckon it, but only to the years 1032, 1033 & 1034. Thus the year of the passion, in this charter, is taken for that of the incarnation.

Another name given to the incarnation is *Annus Gratiae*. The first example which we have remarked of this name, so common in later times, is in the year 1132. It is met with in a charter of Hugues, *seigneur* of Chateau Neuf, in the *Spicil.*, t. IV, p. 261. Gervase of Canterbury, who lived at the beginning of the 13th century, follows this usage in his Chronicle,

mas, sometimes Jan. 1, and sometimes Aug. 12, the day of St. Tiburtius. An ancient Runic kalendar in Strasburg begins at the Circumcision.

In *Switzerland*, they began Jan. 1 in the 14th & 15th centuries, except at Lausanne and the *Pays du Vaud*, where, since the Council of Basil, they begin March 25.

At *Milan*, in the 13th, 14th & 15th centuries, they began at *Christmas*. *Rome*, and the greater part of the Italian States, followed the same style,\* but at *Florence*, from the 10th century, the beginning of the year was March 25, 3 months minus 7 days after us: this was called the *Calculation*, or *Era*, of *Florence*. Some cities adopted this style, which several popes, up to Clement XIII inclusively, have followed in their bulls. The Florentines abandoned this usage in virtue of a decree of the emperor Francis, Grand Duke of Tuscany in 1749, which ordered that the year 1750 should begin Jan. 1 in all cities. The *Pisan* era which precedes that of *Florence* an entire year, was in use not only in *Pisan*, but *Lucca*, *Sienna* & *Lodi*. Several popes have conformed to it in their bulls, and several emperors of the West, from the 9th century, in their diplomas. At *Venice*, the civil and common year began Jan. 1, yet, from time immemorial, the legal year, which was followed in acts and deeds, began March 1. This custom still continues. At *Benevento*, they began March 1 in the 12th century; and Falcone, who wrote his chronicle about 1141, always takes February to be the last month in the year.—*Ibid.*

\* There are two styles in a letter of Charles V, or the Wise, to Edward III, respecting the surrender of Belleville. The date is Jan. 20, 1366, according to the *style of Rome and ours*, and of our reign the second. The French style was to begin the year at Easter. This was, therefore, the French 1366 begun at Easter, April 18, 1365, and the Roman 1366 begun at Christmas, 1365, which, in England, was considered by diplomats as finished till the following March 25. A date in the body of the letter, promising to deliver Belleville within Easter, beginning the year of grace 1368, must be referred to our April 18, 1367: "Nous le baillerons et deliverons a nostre dit frere, a ses hoirs, ou deutez, dedens le jour de Pasques commencanz l'an de Grace mill ccclxviii." —*Rymer, Fœder.*, t. III, p. ii, p. 782.

which begins thus : “ Anno igitur gratiae secundum Dionysium MC, secundum Evangelium vero MCXXII, suscepit Henricus primus monarchiam totius Angliae,” &c. Here the year of grace is clearly marked for that of the incarnation. But what is more remarkable, is the distinction between the years of the incarnation according to Dionysius Parvus, and the same years according to the Gospel. He supposes, then, that Dionysius was deceived in reckoning the years of the incarnation, and that, according to the Gospel, we must add 22 complete years to his calculation, in order to find the true year of the incarnation. Marianus Scotus, who died at the end of the 11th century, and other writers of chronicles, though small in number, have made the same supposition. We find it so in a rescript of Urban II : “ Data Laterani, vii kal. April. anno ab incarnatione Domini, secundum Dionysium MCXVIII, secundum vero certiorem Evangelii probationem, MCXXI, indictione vi, epacta iv.” Pope Urban & Gervase agree in what they say

In 1350 it was ruled in *Arragon*, by an ordinance of Peter, dated Perpignan, Dec. 16, that the year should begin at Christmas, and that the kalends, nones & ides, should be omitted in the date of the day (*Du Cange*, t. I, col. 468). Previously the year began March 25, later than ours by 3 months minus 7 days. The same law was published at Castille, 1383, to the Cortes at Segovia; and in *Portugal*, King John I gave a similar ordinance in 1420. This usage subsisted in the 16th century, as appears by the date of the treaty between the emperor, Charles V, and King Francis I : “ Ainsy faict traicté et conclu en la ville de Madrid, &c. le Dimanche 14 du mois de Janvier, 1526, pris a la Nativité de N. Seigneur selon le style d’Espagne.” A similar ordinance was issued in the same age by Charles IX, in France.

The *Russians*, in the 11th century, began the year at Spring, but at length they adopted the Greek kalendar.

In *Sicily*, from the invasion of the Normans, they began March 25—but in the 15th century, July 1; yet the notaries in the middle of the 17th century continued to take March 25, though the people and the magistrates used Jan. 1.

In *Cyprus*, the year began at Christmas.

In *England*, we find vestiges of this usage from the 7th century, and it continued to the 13th century. Gervase of Canterbury testifies that all preceding writers began at Christmas, because that day served for the term at which the sun ended his course : “ Hac ut sestimo ratione inducti sunt omnes fere qui ante me scripserunt, ut a Natali Domini anni subsequentis sumerent initium.” However, it appears that, from the 12th century, the custom of the English church was to commence the year on March 25; and it is no doubt for this reason that Eadmer, who wrote towards the middle of this century, styles the Ember week of Pentecost, the fast of the fourth month. This style passed into the civil in the 14th century. A diploma of Edward III, by which he pledged his crown to Baldwin, archbishop of Treves, is dated—“ Datum anno Domini MCCCCXXXVIII secundum stylum & consuetudinem ecclesiae Anglicane et provincie Trevirensis, die penultima mensis Septembris” (*Rynier*, t. V, p. 101.) We have seen that, at Treves, the year began March 25. This custom was preserved in England until the reception of the reformed kalendar, when the beginning of the year was fixed to be Jan. 1. For the rest, we must distin-

respecting the calculation of Dionysius, which is not distinguished from ours; but there is one year of difference in their manner of reckoning the years, which they say are according to Gospel proof. According to Gervase, in order to find the true year of the incarnation, we must add 22 years to our Christian era, or to the calculation of Dionysius. According to Urban, we must add 23. Marianus Scotus, with Gervase, says we must add 22. Florent. (Bravonius) Worcest. adopts the same opinion in his chronicle, composed at the beginning of the 12th century. He arranges his facts under two eras of the Gospel, which he expresses by *S. E.*, and the era of Dionysius, which he designates by *S. D.* For instance, he places a voyage of William II, duke of Normandy, into England, under the year 1051 of the era introduced by Dionysius, and under the year 1073 of the evangelic era—whence we see that he places the first era 22 years before the other. Others, such as Helinand, the monk of Froimont, who wrote at the end of the 12th

guish three sorts of years—the historical, legal & liturgical. The historical for a long time began Jan. 1; the legal at Christmas, which was followed in the public acts up to the end of the 13th century, and the liturgical year, the first Sunday of Advent.

The *Low Countries, Gueldres & Friesland*, began the year at Christmas; the same custom was observed at *Utrecht* after 1333—but before, they began March 25. Good Friday began the year at *Delft, Dordrecht & Brabant*. In *Holland, Flanders & Hainault*, it was Easter Day, and this is the style of the notaries in their public acts; but to avoid confusion, they added to their dates, when they preceded Easter—according to the court style, or before Easter, or more *Gallicano*.

This last style is that of *Savoy*.

With regard to *France*, the custom, from the time of Charlemagne, was to begin the year at Christmas, and it was almost universal in the 9th century—we say *almost*, because there are some exceptions. In several places they began at Easter. A charter of Aire, in Artois, is dated—"Actum Aria monasterio vi kal. April. anno incarn. DCCCLVI, et bissextili, ascensu i, indicatione iv, ac embolismo, Sabbato ante Mediam Quadragesimam anno xvii regnante Karolo cum fratre Hludovico ac nepote Hlothario." This date belongs to 856 in our reckoning, and is full of contradictions. Easter, in 856, fell on March 29, and consequently March 27 was Friday. The year 856, the 17th of Charles the Bald, did not begin till June 20, his father dying this day in 840: Easter was not yet finished. But all this is reconciled by referring this date to 857. In fact, Easter fell April 18—March 27 was Saturday of the third week of Lent, and the morrow, the fourth Sunday of Lent, was exactly the middle of Lent, properly so called. The 17th year of Charles runs then to June 20, and indication 4, begun at Easter, was not yet finished. It is true that 857 was not leap-year, but 856 was, and, consequently, the portion of the following year to which it was extended was thought so too. There is a fault in saying so much of the lunar embolismal year, which was really this year 856, having II for the Golden Number, but which was not thought finished like the solar till Easter. Lastly, the expression *ascensu i* appears to mark the regular, which was i. We are, therefore, sure that there were places where the year began at Easter in the

century, anticipated Dionysius only 21 years; Hoo anno (he says, under 979) compleuntur mille anni a nativitate Christi secundum veritatem Evangelii, qui secundum cyclum Dionysii anno abhinc vicesimo primo finiuntur." For the reasons on which these authors found their distinction, see *Petav. de Doctrina Temporum*, l. XII, c. 5.

Another mode of marking the year of the incarnation, is *Annus Trabeationis Christi*, which is found in several charters of the 11th century. Du Cange explains it by—"Annus quo Christus trabi affixus est." But he was mistaken; and in the new edition, at the word *Trabeatio*, *Annus Trabeationis* is demonstrated to be the same as *Annus Incarnationis*. In a multitude of charters cited to prove this, the decree of the election of Borel, bishop of Roda in Catalonia, is found: Anno trabeationis D. N. J. C. millesimo XVII, æra vero millesima quinquagesima quinta, indictione xv, concur-

9th century, but examples of them are rare. At length, nothing was more constant. Some began at Dec. 25, others at the day or eve of Easter. The almost invariable custom of the kings in their diplomas, from the end of the 11th century, and that of the parliament of Paris after it was made stationary, up to the edict for Jan. 1, was to begin at Easter, or rather the *Sabbatum Sanctum*, after the consecration of the paschal taper. But in the provinces possessed by the English, the more common practice was to begin at Christmas. When they dated otherwise, i. e. began at Easter or March 25, they generally added *more Gallicano*. At *Rheims*, in the 13th century, they began March 25, as in the acts of the *Concil. Reimense* in 1235: "Notandum quod more Gallicano mutatur annus in Annunciatione Dominica." This custom subsisted in Montdedier to the 16th century, and letters of the provost royal and other deeds are dated in this manner: Aprl 8, 1441, "de l'incarnation renouvelée"—or March 25, "de l'incarnation renouvelée avant Paques," or the day of the Annunciation last past before Easter. At *Soissons*, in the 12th century, they began Dec. 25; at *Amiens*, in the same age, they began on the eve of Easter, after the benediction of the taper. At *Peronne*, in the 15th century, the eve of Easter was New Year's Day. A register begins with—"Sabbato in vigilia Paschæ 14 April. 1487 post cerei benedictionem." In several parts of *Picardy*, they dated from Jan. 1 after the middle of the 13th century. A charter of 1274 is dated—"Au mois de Janvier, le lendemain du premier jour de l'an." The Chronicles of Froissart follow this style. In *Poitou*, *Guinne*, *Normandy* and *Anjou*, they began at Christmas, after and while they were in the power of the English. There is an important example for Poitou. Otho of Brunswick, earl of Poitou, and afterwards emperor, the fourth of the name, dates a charter, in which he takes only the title of earl of Poitou, Dec. 29, 1198. He had not then taken the empire. It is certain, from German historians, that he was crowned at Pentecost, 1198. Here is an apparent contradiction, which can be removed only by saying, that the year 1198 in the charter was begun at Christmas, and, consequently, that Dec. 29 belonged to our 1197. But before Poitou passed to the English, they commonly began the year at Easter. An account of Maude d'Artois, countess of Burgoyne, imports that Paques fleuri was April 11, 1304, and "finit à Pasques que li milliaire commença 1305."—*Abridged from L'Art de vérifier les Dates*, t. I, p. 8—30.

rente i, epacta xx." All these dates agree with the year 1017 of the incarnation, the same as that which is at the end of the decree—"anno **xxi** regnante Roberto rege." It is not, therefore, doubtful that *Annus Trabeationis* and *Annus Incarnationis* are the same thing. The source of Du Cange's error is in the word *trabs*, whence he derives *trabeatio*—instead of which it comes from *trabea*, a sort of robe which was used by ancient kings, and with which the statues of the gods were ornamented. St. Fulgentius, in a sermon pronounced on St. Stephen's Day, which every body knows is the day after Christmas Day, says—"Heri rex noster trabea carnis indutus est." It is very probable that the word *trabeatio* has been taken from this passage by the notaries. At least, it is certain that *trabeatio* and *trabea carnis* mark the incarnation of the word, and that is every thing necessary to be known for the prevention of mistakes.

The last remark that we shall make on the manner of dating by the years of the incarnation, is on the omission of a number of years to abridge a date, particularly when it is repeated. In the Hist. of the Bishops of Auxerre, we find the translation of Ardouin to this see dated, "in principio anni MCCCL in nativitate Domini;" and 12 lines after—"anno quinquagesimo tertio curiae Romanae (that is to say, beginning the year Dec. 25) more autem Gallico (beginning at Easter) anno quinquagesimo secundo, in festo purificationis beatæ Mariæ." The historian has twice omitted this date, "anno millesimo trecentesimo." It is true that it is easy to supply it from the text; but similar omissions occur in dates which are not repeated, nor have been preceded by entire dates. The first edition of *Martial* (4to) is dated thus: "Impresum Ferraria die secunda Julii MLXXI," instead of "MCCCCLXXI."\* Year of Crowning.—The patent, charter, close & fine rolls of Chancery date the regnal years of our kings from the day of their coronation, and not from that of the death of their predecessor, or day of accession (see v. I, p. 50-1). This manner of dating is sometimes specified in chronicles; thus, Robert of Gloucester dates the rearing of Reading Abbey in the 22nd year of the crowning of Henry I:—

"þo was þoru þe kyng arerde þe abbey of Redyng  
In twoȝ twentie þe yer of hys crounyng."      *Chron.*, p. 440.

The following are the dates of the coronations of the earlier kings:—

1066.—William I, crowned Christmas Day at Westminster by Aldred, archbishop of York; died Sept. 19, 1087.

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\* In a charter granted in 1421, this year is expressed as "Anno **XXI**" (*Manuscript, Diplom., l. II, c. 23*). The following is another instance of the same kind of omission: "In the duke's palace yard at Norwich, at the entrance of a house near the river, lies a large grave, with an abbot in his robes cut thereon, brought from the ruins of this abbey (St. Bennet's Hulme), and thus inscribed—'Frater Ricardus de South Walsham, abbas monasterii Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, qui obiit anno Dominij quadragintesimo vicesimo nono,' with the arms of this monastery." Sir Henry Ellis, who quotes this passage from the fifth volume of Blomfield's History of Norfolk (p. 1430), remarks that "the reading must be faulty; the inscription ought to run—*Millesimo quadragintesimo trecesimo nono.*"—*Dugd., Monast. Anglic., t. III, p. 65 n. o.*

1087.—William II, crowned Sept. 27; his diplomas generally bear only the date of place. Died Aug. 2, 1100. (See *Lammas*.)

1100.—Henry I was consecrated, according to Matthew Paris, Aug. 15—but others say Aug. 5:

“ þe Sonday he was þerouned, ȝ of heruest þe výste day,  
ȝ þe verþe after hýs broþer deþe, as hýs conseýl býssay.”

*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 422.

A second coronation with Maude, or Matilda, on St. Martin's Day:

“ þe corounyng of Henry, ȝ of Maude þat may,  
At London was solempnly on S. Martyn's day.”

*Robert of Brunne*, p. 95.

He is commonly said to have died Dec. 2, 1135, but he died on the night of Sunday, Dec. 1: “ Calendas Decembris qua nocte decessit.”—*Will. Malmesb.*, p. 100.

“ þe vorste day of Decembre kýng Henry þen deþ nome,  
In þe þre ȝ þrýtþe ger of hýs kýnedome  
And in enlene hundred ger ȝ syxte ȝ þrýtþe perto.”

*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 443.

The second part of this date is wrong; he died in the 36th year of his reign. As to the year 1136, it is to be reconciled by the manner of beginning the year on the previous Christmas, or March 25, 9 months & 7 days before us.

1135.—Stephen was crowned Dec. 22: “ In the yeare of oure lorde M<sup>1</sup>. CXXXVI\* Stephene Bloys—the xxii day after his uncles dethe was crouned kyng” (*Chron.* quoted by *Hearne*). Speed makes the day Dec. 26, St. Stephen's Day (*Chron.*, p. 468), and others Christmas Day; but this was only the day on which he first held his court and wore the crown:

“ A Seyn Steuene's day, þe croune vorst he bere,  
And þe archebisop of Canterbury Wyllam þat þo was,  
Sacred hým, as ýt was rýgt, wel synuolyche, alas!

*Robert of Gloucester*, p. 445.

He died Oct. 25, 1154.

1154.—Henry II, crowned Dec. 19 by Theobald, archbp. of Canterbury:

“ Henri þe emperesse sone, þo king Stefne ded lay  
At Westminstre let him crouny king þe next Soneday  
Biuore Midewinter day—”

*Rob. of Glouc.*, p. 467.

He died July 6, 1189.

“ As enlene hundred ger of grace ȝ eigeti ȝ nine  
The sixte day of Jul he deide, ȝ mid gret onour ȝ prute  
At fount Ebraud he was ibured, as he lith gute.”

*Ibid.*, p. 481.

1189.—Richard, crowned Sept. 3 at London:

" Richard king Henries sone to Engelonde com  
 And after is fader dethe, he let him crowny iwis  
 At Westminstre hasteliche, as the rigte crouninge is  
 Of þe archebisop of Kanterbury, Baldwinne that was þo.  
 In a Sonen day as it vel, gywes to muche wo."

*Robert of Gloucester, p. 484.*

He died April 6, 1199.

1199.—John, crowned on the moveable feast of Ascension Day, 1199, which was May 27 :

" Jon king Richardes broþer, after his broþer deþe  
 Ne abod nogt wel longe, seuc wouke vneþe  
 Ar he let him crouni king on holi þorsdi iwis." *Ib., p. 492.*

He died Oct. 18, 1216 :

" At Newarke he deide a sein Lukes day." *Ib., p. 512.*

1216.—Henry III, crowned Oct. 28 :

" Henri was king imad after his fader don  
 A sein Simondes day & sein Jude at Gloster anon."

*Ib., p. 513.*

A second coronation took place on Whitsunday, May 26, 1219, which Robert of Gloucester calls 1220, but the 4th Henry III:

" Ther after at Westminstre ar þe bronie vi sai  
 Hii croundeð þe king arigð a Witesoneda  
 It was as in þe ger of grace a tuelf hundred & tuenti ger  
 & as in þe verthe ger þat he verst croune ber." *Ib., p. 517.*

1272.—Edward I, crowned Aug. 19 (see vol. I, p. 50), and was recognized Nov. 20. He died, July 7, 1307. (See EDMOND, *king and martyr*, p. 106.)

1307.—Edward II, crowned Feb. 24; but the years were computed from July 7, as appears from the *Red Book of the Exchequer*: " Data regis E. filii regis E. mutatur singulis annis in festo translationis S. Thomae martyris viz. vii die Julii." He was dethroned Jan. 13, 1327, and was murdered Sept. 21 following.

1327.—Edward III was proclaimed Jan. 24, whence his years are computed, and was crowned Feb. 2. The *Red Book of the Exch.* says—" Data regis E. tertii a conquestu mutatur singulis annis 24 die mensis Januarii—et notandum quod idem rex transfretavit primo versus Brabanc. die Veneris 16 Julii, anno regni sui 12 sicut continentur in brevi et magno sigilli de perdonatione debitorum quod est inter communia de anno 14." July 16 was Friday in 1339, which commenced March 25, and it was the 13th of his reign. Two of his diplomas bear the following date: " Don' a Roukesburg lxxiii jour de Nov' lan de la Incarnacion nostre seigneur J. Crist, solom le cours de eglise de Rome, mille & treis centz trentisme secund, & de nostre regne primer" (*Rymer, t. III, p. i, p. 848*). There must be a mistake in the transcript of the last date. He died June 21, 1377.

1377.—Richard II, crowned at Westminster July 16; but his regnal

- years were computed from July 22: "Data regis Ricardi II a conquestu mutatur singulis annis in festo S. Albani accedente 22 Junii et cessavit penult. die Septembri anno regni sui 23" (*Red Book Excheq.*) Resigned, as above stated, Sept. 29, 1399.
- 1399.—Henry IV, proclaimed Sept. 30; consecrated Oct. 13; died March 20, 1413. His regnal years were computed from Sept. 30: "Data regis Henrici IV a conquestu mutatur singulis annis in die festo S. Jeronimil accedente 30 Septembri vixit. in crastino Sancti Michaelis, et obiit 20 Martii anno regni sui 14."—*Ibid.*
- 1413.—Henry V, crowned April 9, but proclaimed immediately after his father's death: "Data regis Henrici V a conquestu mutatur singulis annis in festo S. Benedicti accedente 21 Martii, et obiit ultimo die Augusti anno regni sui 10 (1422).—*Ib.*
- 1422.—Henry VI; first coronation at London, Nov. 6, 1429—second at Paris, Dec. 17, 1431; deposed March 5, 1461—restored Oct. 6, 1470, and murdered June 20, 1471. His regnal years were computed from Sept. 1: Data regis Henrici VI a conquestu mutatur singulis annis in festo S. Egidii accedente primo die Septembri."—*Ib.*
- 1461.—Edward IV, proclaimed March 5, crowned June 20 (some say June 28); died April 9, 1483. His regnal years are computed from March 4: "Data regis Edw. IV mutatur singulis annis quarto die Martii, et obiit nono die Aprilis anno regni sui vicesimo tertio."—*Ib.*
- 1483.—Edward V; his regnal years counted from April 9: "Data regis Edwardi quinti inchoavit nono die Aprilis, et cessavit 22<sup>o</sup> die Junii proxime sequentis, videlicet anno regni sui primo."—*Ib.*
- 1483.—Richard III; proclaimed June 22, crowned July 6, regnal date June 26: "Data regis Ricardi tertii mutatur singulis annis 26<sup>o</sup> die Junii, et interfectus est in bello ab Henrico septimo vicesimo secundo die Augusti, anno regni sui tertio."—*Ib.*
- 1485.—Henry VII; proclaimed August 22, crowned October 13, regnal years dated from Aug. 21: "Data regis Henrici VII mutatur singulis annis vicesimo primo die Augusti."—*Ib.*
- 1509.—Henry VIII ascended the throne April 22, which is the commencement of his regnal years: "Data regis Henrici octavi mutatur singulis annis vicesimo secundo die Aprilis, et obiit 28<sup>o</sup> die Junii anno regni sui 38."—*Ib.*
- Year Historic.**—This year began Jan. 1, and the ecclesiastical or legal began March 25. To prevent mistakes in the year between these months, it was usual, until the reception of the reformed kalendar, to date thus—Feb. 1, 1640, or 1640-41.
- Year Liturgic.**—Began the 1st Sunday of Advent.
- Years Day.**—Is the first day of the new year, in the Saxon Chronicle (*an. 1096*). It is also any anniversary day. See *Anniversalis*.
- Years Mind, Yeres Mynde.**—An anniversary day:

For XII tapers at the yeres mynde of maister John Hyde, **xxi<sup>d</sup>**

\*1571—To the XII months mynde of Elizabeth Branch, widdow,  
II tapers,

**IV<sup>d</sup>**

**Yeris Tyd (Newe).**—New Year's Day, in the accounts of the prioress of St. Mary de Pree: “Item paid for Wassells at New Yeris tyd & Twelf tyde ij<sup>o</sup> ix<sup>d</sup>.”—*Monast. Anglic.*, t. III, p. 359.

**Ymber, Ymbir, Ymbur Dayes.**—Ember or Embring Days. The derivation from *embers*, or ashes (see *Embring Days*, p. 112, 113), does not seem to be probable; the Saxon term *ymbren*, or rather *ymb-ryn*, and *emb-ryn*, signifies a revolution, circuit, circle, course, or anniversary. *Somn.*, in v. *Ymbe[n] dagar*, and *Mirk*, in a short collection of papal decrees, says—“Calyxtus pope ordeyned to faste be *ymbir dayes*” (*MS. Claud.*, A. II, fo. 153 b.) In the Harleian MS. poems on festivals, supposed to be earlier than 1326, (*Cod. 2277*), we have “*ymbur in Leynte*.” The following account of these fasts, comprises nearly the whole of a homily of the 15th century, on the “*Jejunium Quatuor Temporum*.”—“The quater temper shall be this weke called *pe ymber dayes*, Wednysday, Fryday, & Saturday, which dayes Kalixte pe \*\*\* ordeyned by a generall councell to be fasted .iiij. tymes in *pe yere* for certeyn causes and resonys folowyng. Holy fadirs in *pe olde lawe* they fasted .iiij. tymes in *pe yere* ageyns .iiij. high festes, and what caused and moved *pe holy fadir* \*\*\* of Rome Kalixte to make vs faste .iiij. tymes in *pe yere*:—first, in Marche or elles by *bat* tyme *pe first Wednesday of clene lent*, and *bat* tyme abowte Marche is a tyme *bat* dryeth *pe erth* and all *bat* is in *pe erth*; wherefore we fast *bat* tyme to dry up *pe erth* of our bodyes. —We fast also betwix haruest and sede tyme *pe Wednysday* after *pe exaltacion* of *pe holy crosse* in *pe moneth* of September after haruest *þt* we may haue grace to gaddr fruytes of God in to *pe barne* of our consciense.—Also we fast in Aduent, *pe Wednysday* after seynt Luce in December biforn Cristemas and *þt* is in wyntre. Wynter fleeth all vntrifly wedis and noxus, therefore we fast *þt* tyme to flee and destroye all stinking wedis and vicious lyuing.—After *pe opynyon* of men, and diverse cuntreyes speche, these quatuor tempora be called *ymber dayes*, cause whi, olde fadirs on the dayes whan they shuld fast, *þei* wolde ete cakes *þt* were bake vndir *pe asshes* in *pe ymbers* and *þt* was callid *panis subcinereus*, *þt* is to say, brede vndir asshes; so *þt* in etyng brede undir asshes in *pe ymbres* *þei* remembrede *þt* *þei* were but asshes, and they shulde to asshes tornie ageyn” (*Harl. MS.*, 2247, fo. 191, 191 b.) The words where the asterisks occur are carefully erased by some zealous protestant. In a receipt to make “*sawge yfarcend*” of the time of Richard II, it is recommended, “if it be in Ymber day to take sauge butt'  $\gamma$  ayren' and lat it stonde wel by *pe sause*  $\gamma$  s'ue it forth.” —*Forme of Cury*, n. 160, p. 72.

**Ymber Day.**—“*Tart in Ymber Day.*”—*Forme of Cury*, n. 165, p. 74.

**Ymbren Weeks.**—Ember Weeks:  $\gamma$  *peope[n] po[ne]r dagar* on *peope[n] ymbren* pucan (*Ll. Alfred*, c. 5). Brompton translates the term *Jejunia Legitima*.—*Chron.*, p. 826.

**Ymins.**—For *Hyems*, in Whethamstede's *Chron.*, p. 453.

**Ypanti, Ypapanti.**—For *Hypapanti*: “*Usque ad Ypapanti Domini.*”—*Gul. Neubrig.*, *Hist.*, l. I, c. 38.

**YPOLITE & his Companions.**—Aug. 13: L. 46.

**YPOLITUS.**—Aug. 13: G. 411; V. 429; T. 442; E. 456. Hypolitus and all his family, to the number of 19, martyred at Rome under Decius (*Petr. de Natal.*, l. VII, c. 56). The origin of this saint is contained in the following

passage : "Another is Saint Hippolytus of whom the Martyrology says, 'Rome beati Hippolyti martyris,' &c. The 13th of August is at Rome the feast of the blessed martyr Hippolytus, who for the glory of the faith, under Valerian the Emperor, after other torments, had his feet tied to wild horses and was dragged over beds of briars and thistles, till, his whole body being torn to pieces, he gave up the ghost. Every one who has read Ovid knows this to be Hippolytus the son of Theseus, whom Phædra his mother-in-law falling in love with, solicited to her bed, which, when the youth refused, abhorring the crime, she accused him to his father of his having forced and ravished her, upon which Theseus, enraged, prayed to Neptune to destroy him. Neptune being engaged by promise to grant whatever Theseus desired, sent a monster from the sea, which so terrified the horses which drew the car of Hippolytus that they ran wild, threw their master, and dragged his body along the ground till it was torn in pieces."

**Yule Day.**—*Christmas Day* (see vol. I, p. 92, 98, 282; and *Ærra Geola, Ærra Iula, Giuli*). Mallet says, in his Northern Antiquities, that the northern nations celebrated Iuul on the night of the winter solstice, which they called Mother Night, as the parent of the rest; and that it was a feast in honor of Thor, the sun. The Greenlanders to the present day, keep a sun-feast about the 22nd of December, to rejoice at the return of the sun, and the expected renewal of the hunting season (*Crantz, Hist. Greenl.*, v. I, p. 176). Keysler and Ihre trace the term *gild* to the early period of the history of the Goths, when the nation met in honor of their false gods, especially at the winter solstice, every one bringing meat and drink for the purpose of mutual entertainment. Hence, the Sueo-Gothic *Julgille* still signifies the feast of Yule.

**Yvernagium.**—*Hibernagium, or Hybernagium*, from the Fr. *Hyverné*.

**Zeir, Zer.**—Year. The *Z* is an awkward substitute for the *ȝ*, in *ȝen*, which was probably pronounced *yer*, or *year*: "At Amlerwyck the twenty sevinct day of Februare, the zeir of our lord God one thousand five hundred fifty nyne zeris" (*Rymer, Fæder.*, t. VI, p. iii, p. 95). "To the terme of x zere here aftyr," 9 Hen. VI.—*Rotuli Parliamenti*, t. IV, p. 385.

**Zeris Day.**—New Year's Day. See *Geris Day*, which is another and more correct mode of representing the MS. character.

**Zher.**—A Year, in an agreement in 1384 for a day of Marche: "Yis Endenture made at ye water of Eske, besid Salom the xv of Marche ye zher of our Lord  $\frac{1}{x}$  ecc  $\frac{xx}{iii}$  and iiiii, betwixt the noble lardis and meghty Siris Henry Percy Erle of Northumbro' of thet'n part, and Archibald of Douglas Lord of Galway on ye toyr parte," &c.—*Nicholson & Burns, Hist. Westm.*, v. I, p. xxxix, n.

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## PERPETUAL LUNAR KALENDAR.



THE additional column in March and April, contains the Paschal Terms relative to the Golden Numbers & Epacts, and it comprises March 18 to Apr. 5 inclusively. These terms indicate the day of March or April on which falls the 14th of the paschal moon, designated by the Golden Number, or by the Epact of a year after March 7. Thus, for example, the Golden Number XVI in the second column, and Epact XXIII opposite March 8, marking the new moon for that day of the month, indicate that the 14th of this paschal moon will fall on the 21st of this month. In fact, from 8 to 21, within which these two numbers are comprised, are fourteen days. It is the same in the other epacts of the paschal moon. We have only to remember that, before 1582, these epacts were not considered for finding the paschal moon. They serve only since that year, and only for the new kalendar. The old one is always regulated by the Golden Number.

Though Easter may fall on thirty-five different days, from March 22 to April 25 inclusively, nevertheless the paschal term, or 14th of the paschal moon, can fall only 29 days, of which the first is March 21 and the last April 18. The reason of this difference is easily understood. It is because different Easters may have the same paschal term, according to the different days of the week on which it may fall. For example, the Easters of March 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28, may equally have March 21 for the paschal term, according to the day of the week on which this term falls. If March 21 is Sunday, Easter will fall Sunday after, and so of the others. For the same reason, April 18 is the last paschal term. For since seven different Easters may have the same paschal term, it follows, that the term April 18 is common to the seven Easters, and, consequently, the last of all.

The paschal term, being known, shews Easter by means of the Dominical Letters. Thus: Easter fell March 27 in 1785, because the letter B of this year is marked at March 27, the first Sunday which falls after the 26th of this month. In 1786, the Golden Number being I, the Epact is XI, and the Dominical or Sunday Letter, A. This concurrence shews Easter to have fallen April 2; for Epact XI gives April 2 as the term, and April 16 is the first Sunday after the 14th day from the term April. April 19 was Easter in 1840—when the Letter was D, the Golden Number XVII, and the Epact VII; for April 6 is the term, and D falls fourteen days after it, on April 19. 1841 has Letter C, Golden Number XVIII, and Epact XVIII; then Epact XVIII gives March 26 as the term, and C is found at April 11, after the 14th day from the term: it is, therefore, April Day.

JANUARY.				FEBRUARY.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	III	A	*	1	o	D	XXIX
2	o	B	XXIX	2	XI	E	XXVIII
3	XI	C	XXVIII	3	XIX	F	XXVII
4	o	D	XXVII	4	VIII	G	25. XXVI
5	XIX	E	XXVI	5	o	A	XXV XXIV
6	VIII	F	25. XXV	6	XVI	B	XXIII
7	o	G	XXIV	7	V	C	XXII
8	XVI	A	XXIII	8	o	D	XXI
9	V	B	XXII	9	XIII	E	XX
10	o	C	XXI	10	II	F	XIX
11	XIII	D	XX	11	o	G	XVIII
12	II	E	XIX	12	X	A	XVII
13	o	F	XVIII	13	o	B	XVI
14	X	G	XVII	14	XVIII	C	XV
15	o	A	XVI	15	VII	D	XIV
16	XVIII	B	XV	16	o	E	XIII
17	VII	C	XIV	17	XV	F	XII
18	o	D	XIII	18	IV	G	XI
19	XV	E	XII	19	o	A	X
20	IV	F	XI	20	XII	B	IX
21	o	G	X	21	I	C	VIII
22	XII	A	IX	22	o	D	VII
23	I	B	VIII	23	IX	E	VI
24	o	C	VII	24	o	F	V
25	IX	D	VI	25	XVII	G	IV
26	o	E	V	26	VI	A	III
27	XVII	F	IV	27	o	B	II
28	VI	G	III	28	XIV	C	I
29	o	A	II				
30	XIV	B	I				
31	III	C	*				

MARCH.					APRIL.				
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Paschal Terms.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Paschal Terms.
1	III	D	*		1	o	G	XXIX	14 A
2	o	E	XXIX		2	XI	A	XXVIII	15 A
3	XI	F	XXVIII		3	o	B	XXVII	16 A
4	o	G	XXVII		4	XIX	C	25. XXVI	17 A
5	XIX	A	XXVI		5	VIII	D	XXV XXIV	18 A
6	VIII	B	25. XXV		6	XVI	E	XXIII	
7	o	C	XXIV		7	V	F	XXII	
8	XVI	D	XXIII	21 M	8	o	G	XXI	
9	V	E	XXII	22 M	9	XIII	A	XX	
10	o	F	XXI	23 M	10	II	B	XIX	
11	XIII	G	XX	24 M	11	o	C	XVIII	
12	II	A	XIX	25 M	12	X	D	XVII	
13	o	B	XVIII	26 M	13	o	E	XVI	
14	X	C	XVII	27 M	14	XVIII	F	XV	
15	o	D	XVI	28 M	15	VII	G	XIV	
16	XVIII	E	XV	29 M	16	o	A	XIII	
17	VII	F	XIV	30 M	17	XV	B	XII	
18	o	G	XIII	31 M	18	IV	C	XI	
19	XV	A	XII	1 A	19	o	D	X	
20	IV	B	XI	2 A	20	XII	E	IX	
21	o	C	X	3 A	21	I	F	VIII	
22	XII	D	IX	4 A	22	o	G	VII	
23	I	E	VIII	5 A	23	IX	A	VI	
24	o	F	VII	6 A	24	o	B	V	
25	IX	G	VI	7 A	25	XVII	C	IV	
26	o	A	V	8 A	26	VI	D	III	
27	XVII	B	IV	9 A	27	o	E	II	
28	VI	C	III	10 A	28	XIV	F	I	
29	o	D	II	11 A	29	III	G	*	
30	XIV	E	I	12 A	30	o	A	XXIX	
31	III	F	*	13 A					

MAY.				JUNE.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	XI	B	XXVIII	1	o	E	XXVII
2	o	C	XXVII	2	XIX	F	25. XXVI
3	XIX	D	XXVI	3	VIII	G	XXV XXIV
4	VIII	E	25. XXV	4	XVI	A	XXIII
5	o	F	XXIV	5	V	B	XXII
6	XVI	G	XXIII	6	o	C	XXI
7	V	A	XXII	7	XIII	D	XX
8	o	B	XXI	8	II	E	XIX
9	XIII	C	XX	9	o	F	XVIII
10	II	D	XIX	10	X	G	XVII
11	o	E	XVIII	11	o	A	XVI
12	X	F	XVII	12	XVIII	B	XV
13	o	G	XVI	13	VII	C	XIV
14	XVIII	A	XV	14	o	D	XIII
15	VII	B	XIV	15	XV	E	XII
16	o	C	XIII	16	IV	F	XI
17	XV	D	XII	17	o	G	X
18	IV	E	XI	18	XII	A	IX
19	o	F	X	19	I	B	VIII
20	XII	G	IX	20	o	C	VII
21	I	A	VIII	21	IX	D	VI
22	o	B	VII	22	o	E	V
23	IX	C	VI	23	XVII	F	IV
24	o	D	V	24	VI	G	III
25	XVII	E	IV	25	o	A	II
26	VI	F	III	26	XIV	B	I
27	o	G	II	27	III	C	*
28	XIV	A	I	28	o	D	XXIX
29	III	B	*	29	XI	E	XXVIII
30	o	C	XXIX	30	o	F	XXVII
31	XI	D	XXVIII				

JULY.				AUGUST.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	XIX	G	XXVI	1	VIII	C	XXV XXIV
2	VIII	A	25. XXV	2	XVI	D	XXIII
3	o	B	XXIV	3	V	E	XXII
4	XVI	C	XXIII	4	o	F	XXI
5	V	D	XXII	5	XIII	G	XX
6	o	E	XXI	6	II	A	XIX
7	XIII	F	XX	7	o	B	XVIII
8	II	G	XIX	8	X	C	XVII
9	o	A	XVIII	9	o	D	XVI
10	X	B	XVII	10	XVIII	E	XV
11	o	C	XVI	11	VII	F	XIV
12	XVIII	D	XV	12	o	G	XIII
13	VII	E	XIV	13	XV	A	XII
14	o	F	XIII	14	IV	B	XI
15	XV	G	XII	15	o	C	X
16	IV	A	XI	16	XII	D	IX
17	o	B	X	17	I	E	VIII
18	XII	C	IX	18	o	F	VII
19	I	D	VIII	19	IX	G	VI
20	o	E	VII	20	o	A	V
21	IX	F	VI	21	XVII	B	IV
22	o	G	V	22	VI	C	III
23	XVII	A	IV	23	o	D	II
24	VI	B	III	24	XIV	E	I
25	o	C	II	25	III	F	*
26	XIV	D	I	26	o	G	XXIX
27	III	E	*	27	XI	A	XXVIII
28	o	F	XXIX	28	XIX	B	XXVII
29	XI	G	XXVIII	29	o	C	XXVI
30	XIX	A	XXVII	30	VIII	D	25. XXV
31	o	B	XXV XXVI	31	o	E	XXIV

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SEPTEMBER.				OCTOBER.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	XVI	F	XXIII	1	XVI	A	XXII
2	V	G	XXII	2	V	B	XXI
3	o	A	XXI	3	XIII	C	XX
4	XIII	B	XX	4	II	D	XIX
5	II	C	XIX	5	o	E	XVIII
6	o	D	XVIII	6	X	F	XVII
7	X	E	XVII	7	o	G	XVI
8	o	F	XVI	8	XVIII	A	XV
9	XVIII	G	XV	9	VII	B	XIV
10	VII	A	XIV	10	o	C	XIII
11	o	B	XIII	11	XV	D	XII
12	XV	C	XII	12	IV	E	XI
13	IV	D	XI	13	o	F	X
14	o	E	X	14	XII	G	IX
15	XII	F	IX	15	I	A	VIII
16	I	G	VIII	16	o	B	VII
17	o	A	VII	17	IX	C	VI
18	IX	B	VI	18	o	D	V
19	o	C	V	19	XVII	E	IV
20	XVII	D	IV	20	VI	F	III
21	VI	E	III	21	o	G	II
22	o	F	II	22	XIV	A	I
23	XIV	G	I	23	III	B	*
24	III	A	*	24	o	C	XXIX
25	o	B	XXIX	25	XI	D	XXVIII
26	XI	C	XXVIII	26	XIX	E	XXVII
27	XIX	D	XXVII	27	o	F	XXVI
28	o	E	25. XXVI	28	VIII	G	25. XXV
29	VIII	F	XXV XXIV	29	o	A	XXIV
30	o	G	XXIII	30	XVI	B	XXIII
				31	V	C	XXII

NOVEMBER.				DECEMBER.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	o	D	XXI	1	XIII	F	XX
2	XIII	E	XX	2	II	G	XIX
3	II	F	XIX	3	o	A	XVIII
4	o	G	XVIII	4	X	B	XVII
5	X	A	XVII	5	o	C	XVI
6	o	B	XVI	6	XVIII	D	XV
7	XVIII	C	XV	7	VII	E	XIV
8	VII	D	XIV	8	o	F	XIII
9	o	E	XIII	9	XV	G	XII
10	XV	F	XII	10	IV	A	XI
11	IV	G	XI	11	o	B	X
12	o	A	X	12	XII	C	IX
13	XII	B	IX	13	I	D	VIII
14	I	C	VIII	14	o	E	VII
15	o	D	VII	15	IX	F	VI
16	IX	E	VI	16	o	G	V
17	o	F	V	17	XVII	A	IV
18	XVII	G	IV	18	VI	B	III
19	VI	A	III	19	o	C	II
20	o	B	II	20	XIV	D	I
21	XIV	C	I	21	III	E	*
22	III	D	*	22	o	F	XXIX
23	o	E	XXIX	23	XI	G	XXVIII
24	XI	F	XXVIII	24	XIX	A	XXVII
25	XIX	G	XXVII	25	o	B	XXVI
26	o	A	25. XXVI	26	VIII	C	25. XXV
27	VIII	B	XXV XXIV	27	o	D	XXIV
28	o	C	XXIII	28	XVI	E	XXIII
29	XVI	D	XXII	29	V	F	XXII
30	V	E	XXI	30	o	G	XXI
				31	XIII	A	XIX XX

SEPTEMBER.				OCTOBER.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	XVI	F	XXIII	1	XVI	A	XXII
2	V	G	XXII	2	V	B	XXI
3	o	A	XXI	3	XIII	C	XX
4	XIII	B	XX	4	II	D	XIX
5	II	C	XIX	5	o	E	XVIII
6	o	D	XVIII	6	X	F	XVII
7	X	E	XVII	7	o	G	XVI
8	o	F	XVI	8	XVIII	A	XV
9	XVIII	G	XV	9	VII	B	XIV
10	VII	A	XIV	10	o	C	XIII
11	o	B	XIII	11	XV	D	XII
12	XV	C	XII	12	IV	E	XI
13	IV	D	XI	13	o	F	X
14	o	E	X	14	XII	G	IX
15	XII	F	IX	15	I	A	VIII
16	I	G	VIII	16	o	B	VII
17	o	A	VII	17	IX	C	VI
18	IX	B	VI	18	o	D	V
19	o	C	V	19	XVII	E	IV
20	XVII	D	IV	20	VI	F	III
21	VI	E	III	21	o	G	II
22	o	F	II	22	XIV	A	I
23	XIV	G	I	23	III	B	*
24	III	A	*	24	o	C	XXIX
25	o	B	XXIX	25	XI	D	XXVIII
26	XI	C	XXVIII	26	XIX	E	XXVII
27	XIX	D	XXVII	27	o	F	XXVI
28	o	E	25. XXVI	28	VIII	G	25. XXV
29	VIII	F	XXV XXIV	29	o	A	XXIV
30	o	G	XXIII	30	XVI	B	XXIII
				31	V	C	XXII

NOVEMBER.				DECEMBER.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	o	D	XXI	1	XIII	F	XX
2	XIII	E	XX	2	II	G	XIX
3	II	F	XIX	3	o	A	XVIII
4	o	G	XVIII	4	X	B	XVII
5	X	A	XVII	5	o	C	XVI
6	o	B	XVI	6	XVIII	D	XV
7	XVIII	C	XV	7	VII	E	XIV
8	VII	D	XIV	8	o	F	XIII
9	o	E	XIII	9	XV	G	XII
10	XV	F	XII	10	IV	A	XI
11	IV	G	XI	11	o	B	X
12	o	A	X	12	XII	C	IX
13	XII	B	IX	13	I	D	VIII
14	I	C	VIII	14	o	E	VII
15	o	D	VII	15	IX	F	VI
16	IX	E	VI	16	o	G	V
17	o	F	V	17	XVII	A	IV
18	XVII	G	IV	18	VI	B	III
19	VI	A	III	19	o	C	II
20	o	B	II	20	XIV	D	I
21	XIV	C	I	21	III	E	*
22	III	D	*	22	o	F	XXIX
23	o	E	XXIX	23	XI	G	XXVIII
24	XI	F	XXVIII	24	XIX	A	XXVII
25	XIX	G	XXVII	25	o	B	XXVI
26	o	A	25. XXVI	26	VIII	C	25. XXV
27	VIII	B	XXV XXIV	27	o	D	XXIV
28	o	C	XXIII	28	XVI	E	XXIII
29	XVI	D	XXII	29	V	F	XXII
30	V	E	XXI	30	o	G	XXI
				31	XIII	A	XIX XX

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SEPTEMBER.				OCTOBER.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	XVI	F	XXIII	1	XVI	A	XXII
2	V	G	XXII	2	V	B	XXI
3	o	A	XXI	3	XIII	C	XX
4	XIII	B	XX	4	II	D	XIX
5	II	C	XIX	5	o	E	XVIII
6	o	D	XVIII	6	X	F	XVII
7	X	E	XVII	7	o	G	XVI
8	o	F	XVI	8	XVIII	A	XV
9	XVIII	G	XV	9	VII	B	XIV
10	VII	A	XIV	10	o	C	XIII
11	o	B	XIII	11	XV	D	XII
12	XV	C	XII	12	IV	E	XI
13	IV	D	XI	13	o	F	X
14	o	E	X	14	XII	G	IX
15	XII	F	IX	15	I	A	VIII
16	I	G	VIII	16	o	B	VII
17	o	A	VII	17	IX	C	VI
18	IX	B	VI	18	o	D	V
19	o	C	V	19	XVII	E	IV
20	XVII	D	IV	20	VI	F	III
21	VI	E	III	21	o	G	II
22	o	F	II	22	XIV	A	I
23	XIV	G	I	23	III	B	*
24	III	A	*	24	o	C	XXIX
25	o	B	XXIX	25	XI	D	XXVIII
26	XI	C	XXVIII	26	XIX	E	XXVII
27	XIX	D	XXVII	27	o	F	XXVI
28	o	E	25. XXVI	28	VIII	G	25. XXV
29	VIII	F	XXV XXIV	29	o	A	XXIV
30	o	G	XXIII	30	XVI	B	XXIII
				31	V	C	XXII

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Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	o	D	XXI	1	XIII	F	XX
2	XIII	E	XX	2	II	G	XIX
3	II	F	XIX	3	o	A	XVIII
4	o	G	XVIII	4	X	B	XVII
5	X	A	XVII	5	o	C	XVI
6	o	B	XVI	6	XVIII	D	XV
7	XVIII	C	XV	7	VII	E	XIV
8	VII	D	XIV	8	o	F	XIII
9	o	E	XIII	9	XV	G	XII
10	XV	F	XII	10	IV	A	XI
11	IV	G	XI	11	o	B	X
12	o	A	X	12	XII	C	IX
13	XII	B	IX	13	I	D	VIII
14	I	C	VIII	14	o	E	VII
15	o	D	VII	15	IX	F	VI
16	IX	E	VI	16	o	G	V
17	o	F	V	17	XVII	A	IV
18	XVII	G	IV	18	VI	B	III
19	VI	A	III	19	o	C	II
20	o	B	II	20	XIV	D	I
21	XIV	C	I	21	III	E	*
22	III	D	*	22	o	F	XXIX
23	o	E	XXIX	23	XI	G	XXVIII
24	XI	F	XXVIII	24	XIX	A	XXVII
25	XIX	G	XXVII	25	o	B	XXVI
26	o	A	25. XXVI	26	VIII	C	25. XXV
27	VIII	B	XXV XXIV	27	o	D	XXIV
28	o	C	XXIII	28	XVI	E	XXIII
29	XVI	D	XXII	29	V	F	XXII
30	V	E	XXI	30	o	G	XXI
				31	XIII	A	XIX XX

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2	V	G	XXII	2	V	B	XXI
3	o	A	XXI	3	XIII	C	XX
4	XIII	B	XX	4	II	D	XIX
5	II	C	XIX	5	o	E	XVIII
6	o	D	XVIII	6	X	F	XVII
7	X	E	XVII	7	o	G	XVI
8	o	F	XVI	8	XVIII	A	XV
9	XVIII	G	XV	9	VII	B	XIV
10	VII	A	XIV	10	o	C	XIII
11	o	B	XIII	11	XV	D	XII
12	XV	C	XII	12	IV	E	XI
13	IV	D	XI	13	o	F	X
14	o	E	X	14	XII	G	IX
15	XII	F	IX	15	I	A	VIII
16	I	G	VIII	16	o	B	VII
17	o	A	VII	17	IX	C	VI
18	IX	B	VI	18	o	D	V
19	o	C	V	19	XVII	E	IV
20	XVII	D	IV	20	VI	F	III
21	VI	E	III	21	o	G	II
22	o	F	II	22	XIV	A	I
23	XIV	G	I	23	III	B	*
24	III	A	*	24	o	C	XXIX
25	o	B	XXIX	25	XI	D	XXVIII
26	XI	C	XXVIII	26	XIX	E	XXVII
27	XIX	D	XXVII	27	o	F	XXVI
28	o	E	25. XXVI	28	VIII	G	25. XXV
29	VIII	F	XXV XXIV	29	o	A	XXIV
30	o	G	XXIII	30	XVI	B	XXIII
				31	V	C	XXII

NOVEMBER.				DECEMBER.			
Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.	Days.	Golden Numbers.	Dominical Letters.	Epacts.
1	o	D	XXI	1	XIII	F	XX
2	XIII	E	XX	2	II	G	XIX
3	II	F	XIX	3	o	A	XVIII
4	o	G	XVIII	4	X	B	XVII
5	X	A	XVII	5	o	C	XVI
6	o	B	XVI	6	XVIII	D	XV
7	XVIII	C	XV	7	VII	E	XIV
8	VII	D	XIV	8	o	F	XIII
9	o	E	XIII	9	XV	G	XII
10	XV	F	XII	10	IV	A	XI
11	IV	G	XI	11	o	B	X
12	o	A	X	12	XII	C	IX
13	XII	B	IX	13	I	D	VIII
14	I	C	VIII	14	o	E	VII
15	o	D	VII	15	IX	F	VI
16	IX	E	VI	16	o	G	V
17	o	F	V	17	XVII	A	IV
18	XVII	G	IV	18	VI	B	III
19	VI	A	III	19	o	C	II
20	o	B	II	20	XIV	D	I
21	XIV	C	I	21	III	E	*
22	III	D	*	22	o	F	XXIX
23	o	E	XXIX	23	XI	G	XXVIII
24	XI	F	XXVIII	24	XIX	A	XXVII
25	XIX	G	XXVII	25	o	B	XXVI
26	o	A	25. XXVI	26	VIII	C	25. XXV
27	VIII	B	XXV XXIV	27	o	D	XXIV
28	o	C	XXIII	28	XVI	E	XXIII
29	XVI	D	XXII	29	V	F	XXII
30	V	E	XXI	30	o	G	XXI
				31	XIII	A	XIX XX

## ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS, &c.

### VOL. I.

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P. 7, l. 23,—For *fixing*, read *fixes*.

P. 9, l. 22,—For *this*, read *their*.

P. 29, l. 2,—For 15, read 5. l. 18,—For 1306, read 1307. The date is as follows: “Anno Domini MCCCCVII, anno regni regis Edwardi secundi primo, litera dominicali A, luna currente per xvi, die Mercurii proxima post festum Epiphaniæ, quarto scilicet anno papæ Johannis, capti sunt omnes fratres de Milicia Templi per mandatum regis, per bullam papæ.” The moon, which was in its 16th day in Jan. 11, 1307, was new on Dec. 28, 1306.

P. 76, l. 5,—For *Hybernicised*, read *Hibernicised*.

P. 94, l. 21,—For *Andrimmer*, read *Audhrimmer*.

— 2 from bottom,—For *Angel-cynna*, read *Angel-Cynnæ*.

P. 106, l. 20,—For *Famineis Calendis*, read *Famineæ Calendaæ*.

P. 107, l. 5,—For *Jour d'E'rennes*, read *Jour des Etrennes*.

P. 114, l. 5 from bottom,—For *Birceopar*, read *Birceopar*.

P. 125, l. 12,—For *itinerent*, read *itinerant*.

— 29,—For *age*, read *use*.

P. 127, l. 13,—For *Estum*, read *Estan*.

P. 132, l. 6,—For *strenicas*, read *strenias*.

P. 133, l. 8,—For *newyeryests*, read *newyeryefts*.

P. 137, l. 2 from bottom,—Read *Salmuth ad Panciroll*.

P. 142, l. 22,—Insert a comma after *preventor*.

P. 155, l. 12,—For *destruction*, read *abundance*; and for *geniht*, read *geniht*.

P. 164, l. 17,—Insert to before *Frisch*.

P. 168, l. 19,—For *Kalenda*, read *Kalendæ*.

P. 206, l. 9,—For *He so*, read *Ho so*.

P. 207, l. 8 from bottom,—For *Hebdomadis*, read *Hebdomada*.

P. 214, l. 2 from bottom,—For *Excepta*, read *Excerpta*.

P. 234, l. 11 from bottom,—For *Estre*, read *Entre*.

P. 238, l. 15 from bottom,—For *du*, read *de*.

P. 250, l. 18,—For *opposita*, read *apposita*; and for *canella*, *camella*.

- P. 264, l. 5 from bottom,—For *Taautes*, read *Taantes*.
- P. 263, l. 8 from bottom,—For *ȝyfene*, read *ȝyfēn*.
- P. 264, l. 12 from bottom,—For *ue*, read *ut*; for *ȝyfēn* & *ȝyfēn*, read *ȝyfēn*.
- P. 266, l. 7 from bottom,—For *ȝneondȝcipe*, read *ȝneondȝcipe*.  
— 6 from bottom,—For *ȝȝbēn*, read *ȝȝbēn*.
- P. 267, l. 28.—For *Marten*, read *Martenne*.
- P. 270, l. 20.—For *Invocation*, read *Invention*.  
— 26,—For *domeres*, read *domeras*.  
— 32,—For *Dissert.*, read *Dissect*.
- P. 271, l. 23.—For *Bawon*, read *Baum*.  
— ult.,—For *Caltneppē*, read *Caltneppē*.
- P. 295, l. 3 from bottom,—For *bñuce*, read *buce*.
- P. 333, l. 5 from bottom,—For *mærram*, read *mærran*.
- P. 348,—Delete reference, †
- P. 374, l. 4 from bottom,—For *þu*, read *þa*.
- P. 378, l. 12 from bottom,—For *Auseribus*, read *Ansertiis*.
- P. 382, l. 3 from bottom,—For *ðeop peorȝ tan*, read *ðeopreorȝtan*.
- P. 406,—For the Golden Numbers, see the *Perpetual Lunar Kalendar*.
- P. 413, Sept. 16,—For *Eutemia*, read *Eufenia*.
- P. 419, Dec. 7,—For *vii n.*, read *vii id*.
- P. 421, l. 20,—After *Pope*, read *Felix II and the emperor*.
- P. 425, Apr. 5,—For *xviii*, read *viii*. See the *Perpetual Lunar Kalendar*.
- P. 435, Jan. 10,—For *Byñhtuciȝ þulfrini D*, read *Byñhtuciȝ ȝ þulfrini D*.
- P. 437, Mar. 1,—For *Bñhteno ȝ*, read *Bñhtenoȝ*.  
— 30,—For *Leofȝýna*, read *Leofȝýfa*.
- P. 439, May 19,—For *pict<sup>o</sup>*, read *pict<sup>o</sup>*.
- P. 449, Oct. 2,—Read *Leodegarii*.
- P. 452, Apr. 25,—For *Ew [angelista]*, read *Ew [angelistæ]*.
- P. 455, Jul. 1,—For *Karilefi*, read *Karilelfī*.
- P. 457, Sept. 30,—For *Jeronomimi*, read *Jeronomi*.
- P. 476, l. 17,—For *Conferreatio*, read *Confarreatio*.  
— 27, col. 2,—For *Deva*, read *Devi*.
- P. 480, l. 18,—For *Deva*, read *Devi*.

## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS,

### VOL. II.

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P. 6,—*Ærra Geola*. The former Yule.

For *Ærra Januaria*, read *Æra Januaria*.

P. 7, l. 25,—After year, read occurs.

P. 8, l. ult.—There are two errors in the following date: “Also in this yere (lij<sup>do</sup> Edwardi 3<sup>rd</sup>) in the xij kal. of Jull, that is for to seye on Seynt Albones even at Schene, deyde the moost excellent and doughted prynce Edward the thridde” (*Chron. of London*, p. 71). St. Alban’s Eve is ii kal. Jul., as stated in the MS. just quoted. The editors of the *Chronicle of London* (Messrs. Norton and Tyrrell) have the following note on this passage: “He died in the 51st year, namely, 21 June, 1377. The commencement of his reign is always calculated from the 25th of January 1327, when his father resigned the crown” (p. 154). See *Years of Crowning*, p. 413.

P. 9, l. 3 from bottom,—Read *Cott. MS.* before *Cleop.*, and *fo.* before 103.

P. 10, l. 30,—“No such rubric.” See *Note*, p. 56.

P. 18, l. 2,—John XVIII was not ordained before Dec. 26, 1003.

P. 14, after l. 2,—*Andrewes Day*: “Gode men ge schul haue suche a day seynt Andrewes day and fast þe evon. þe qwheelch day ge schul come to god & holy chyrch to see þ<sup>r</sup> god & do worschep to þ<sup>r</sup> holy seynt, spechyaly for þre virtues þt he had do, won for he hadde gret holynes & was holy in lyuyng. þe secunde for gret myraculus doyng. þe pyrddé for gret passyon suffryng.”—*Cott. MS.*, *Claud.*, A. II, *fo.* 4.

P. 14, l. 40,—After *Anniversary*, read “Pro annalibus seu anniversariis celebrandis.”—*Spelm.*, *Concil.*, t. II, p. 330.

P. 17, l. 18,—For 10 in 656, read XI in 656.

P. 19, l. 25,—After *calculation*, read—It is also the Paschal Cycle of 532 years. See *Paschal Cycle*.

P. 19, l. 42 & 43,—For *Trabentionis*, read *Trabeationis*.

P. 20, l. 8 from bottom,—For *τον κρεατον*, read *τον κρεατον*.

P. 25, l. 19,—For *Augustura*, read *Augustum*.

P. 27, l. 14,—After 826, read—The festival of St. Barnabas was not observed in all churches, as appears from the writers of homilies of the thirteenth century: “Gode men & women, such a day is þe feste of sent Barnabe, Cristes

holy apostull, but for he is not on of þe nowmbur of þe xiij apostulus þerfore his day is not halowed but in certen places" (*Lansdowne MS.*, 392, fo. 76 b.) Mirk has the same remark, and says that—" in eueriche place it com an holy and plowes for goddes love."—*Cott. MS., Claud.*, A. II, fo. 79 b.

*P.* 33, *l. ult.*,—Add

*Bonefryenyght.*—The night of a bon fire. See *p. 266, l. 7.*

*P.* 36,—After BRIGITTA, add—

*BRISCE.*—See BRICE:

" It fell in tyme of þe gere, at saynt Brisce feste,  
þat he had regned here, nÿen ger it þe mestre."

*Robert of Brusne, p. 89.*

*P.* 36,—Between BRITIUS and Bules, add—

*Bryme.*—Midst of Winter, from the Latin *bruma*.

*Brymlent.*—On a recipe for a "Tart de Brymlent," Dr. Pegge has the following note: "Perhaps Midlent or High Lent. *'Bryme*, in Cotgrave, is the *midst* of winter. The fare is certainly lenten. A.-S. *þnýma*, *sō-lennis*; or beginning of lent, from A.-S. *þnýma*, *ora*, *margo*. Yet, after all, it may be a mistake for *Prymlent*" (*Forme of Cury*, p. 75). It is the prime or Spring lent, distinguished from the Winter lent, before Advent.

*P.* 44,—After Cedda, add—

*Celebritas Celebritatum.*—Easter Day.

*P.* 45, *l. 10.*,—After 17 *b.*, read—His translation is Aug. 28.

*P.* 49, *l. 18.*,—For <sup>þ</sup>, read <sup>þ</sup>.

*P.* 53, *l. 19.*,—For *Cængan*, *Cænigen*, read *Coemgan*, *Coenigen*.

*P.* 54,—COLUMKILLE. After *Colms Mass*, add—Ikolumkille signifies the grave of Columba in Ionia, from *kill*, a grave.

*P.* 56, *l. 12.*,—For *Istiaci*; or, read *Istiaci*, or.

— 26,—For *Collyrians*, read *Collyridians*.

— 30,—For 538, read 553.

— 43,—See *Festum Immaculatae Conceptionis*.

*P.* 57, *l. 7 from bottom.*,—For month, read moon.

*P.* 61,—CRISOGENUS. The orthography of these kalendars was that of the 8th century. A charter of Æthelbald, king of the Mercians, bears this date: " Hanc cartulam composui in quarta feria .viii. kl. Decembril Passio Crisogoni martiris."—*Heming.*, *Chartular. Wigorn.*, t. I, p. 16.

*P.* 63, *l. 29.*,—For c. 35, read c. 39.

*P.* 80,—After *Dies Solis*, add—

*Dies S. Spiritus.*—Pentecost. See *Festum S. Spiritus*.

*P.* 81, *l. 31.*,—For DIODORUS ALEXANDRINUS, read DIODORUS Alexandrinus.

*P.* 83, *l. 4 from bottom.*,—After *July* 14, add—(*Ol. Worm.*, *Fast. Dan.*, p. 198).

*P.* 87, *l. 15.*,—For *Samaritana*, read *Samaritano*.

*P.* 87,—After *Dominica Gaudii*, add—

*Dominica Gestationis Ramorum.*—Palm Sunday. *Macri*, 416.

*P.* 88,—After *Dominica Jubilate*, add—

*Dominica Judica.*—The fifth Sunday in Lent.

P. 89.—Delete the *second Table*, which was inserted by mistake. The following shews the Dominical Letters of the—

## NEW STYLE.

YEARS LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED.				CENTURIES.			
				1700	1800	1900	2000
				2100	2200	2300	2400
				2500	2600	2700	2800
				2900	3000	3100	3200
				3300	3400	3500	3600
				3700	3800	3900	4000
				C	E	G	B A
1	29	57	85	B	D	F	G
2	30	58	86	A	C	E	F
3	31	59	87	G	B	D	E
4	32	60	88	F E	A G	C B	D C
5	33	61	89	D	F	A	B
6	34	62	90	C	E	G	A
7	35	63	91	B	D	F	G
8	36	64	92	A G	C B	E D	F E
9	37	65	93	F	A	C	D
10	38	66	94	E	G	B	C
11	39	67	95	D	F	A	B
12	40	68	96	C B	E D	G F	A G
13	41	69	97	A	C	E	F
14	42	70	98	G	B	D	E
15	43	71	99	F	A	C	D
16	44	72		E D	G F	B A	C B
17	45	73		C	E	G	A
18	46	74		B	D	F	G
19	47	75		A	C	E	F
20	48	76		G F	B A	D C	E D
21	49	77		E	G	B	C
22	50	78		D	F	A	B
23	51	79		C	E	G	A
24	52	80		B A	D C	F E	G F
25	53	81		G	B	D	E
26	54	82		F	A	C	D
27	55	83		E	G	B	C
28	56	84		D C	F E	A G	B A

P. 113, l. 20,—For *Cloveshon*, read *Cloveshou*.

P. 114,—After *Enfant Prodigue*, add—

*Engaria*.—For *Angaria*. *Macri, Hierolex.*, p. 35.

P. 126, l. 9,—For *Wyntersone*, read *Wyntersetone*.

P. 130, l. 30,—For *Smyran*, read *Smyrna*.

— 35,—For *Iter. Ital.*, read *Iter Ital.*

P. 135, l. 10,—For *Cælestine*, read *Cœlestine*.

P. 138,—After *Feria Prima*, add—

*Feria propter Messe*, *propter Vindemias*.—Days of exemption in law, on account of harvest, vintage, &c.—*Macri, Hierolex.*, p. 257.

P. 153, l. 3 from bottom,—After 1286, add: In the French churches, feasts of the first and second class were denominated *Festum quinque*, or *septem Candelerorum*, according to the number of candles placed upon the altar.—*Macri*, 105.

P. 150,—After *Festum Evangelismi*, add—

*Festum Evangelismi Palmarum*.—Palm Sunday.

P. 160, l. 7,—For *caps*, read *capes* or *copes*.

P. 184,—After *GODRIC*, add—

*Golden Friday*.—The Fridays before the Annunciation, Easter Sunday, Ascension, Pentecost, St. John's D., St. Peter's D., the Nat. of the V. Mary, St. Michael's D., All Saints and Christmas D., are called Golden Fridays.

P. 190, l. ult.,—Add: Bradley, astronomer royal, had a considerable share in the assimilation of the British Kalendar to that of other nations; but Lord Chesterfield was the original promoter of the measure. The following curious anecdote happily illustrates the presumption and ignorance of the mob in those days:—Lord Chesterfield took pains, in the periodicals of the day, to prepare the minds of the public for the change; but he found it much easier to prevail with the legislature, than to reconcile the great mass of the people to the abandonment of their inveterate habits. When Lord Macclesfield's son stood the great contested election for Oxfordshire, in 1754, one of the most vehement cries raised by the mob against him was, “Give us back the eleven days we have been robbed of” (the reader will recollect that Hogarth introduces this in his “Election Feast”); and several years after, when Bradley, worn down by his labours in the cause of science, was sinking under the disease which closed his mortal career, many of the common people attributed his sufferings to a judgment from HEAVEN, for his having been instrumental in what they considered to have been an impious undertaking.—*Edinburgh Review*.

P. 199,—Before *Holidays*, add—

*Hæures*.—Hours, in our Fr. records, 10 Hen. III.

*Hokmonday*.—See *Hock*. “In this yere (26 Hen VI) was an hereske brent at the Tour Hill, upon Hokmonday.”—*Chron. of London*, p. 135.

P. 201,—After *Hora Aurore*, add—

*Hornus*.—Time of the current year: “In synodo apud Vermarium palatum olim ab horno habita” (*Flodoard.*, l. III, c. 22). That is, in the synod celebrated this year.—*Macri*, 299.

P. 204, l. 16,—After *Kalenda*, read: “This yere (17 Hen. III) in the idus of Feverer was a gret erthequake and a gret thundyr.”—*Chron. of London*, p. 14.

P. 250, l. I,—After *services*, read: *Man ne mot halgian hurle on Langa Fruige næg. þorþan Cnijt þropode on þone næg þorl ur.*—*Ælfric.*, *Epist. de Canonibus*, c. 36.

P. 265, l. 19.—After p. 304, read: “This same yere (4 Hen. IV) on Maudely even, between Englysshmen and Englysshmen was the sory bataill of Schrovesbury.”—*Chron. of Lond.*, p. 88.

P. 268,—After *Meintefortz*, add—

*Meisdy*.—Mid-day or noon, in our Fr. records. See *Ore*.

P. 275, l. 38.—For *pro assidens*, read *pro foribus assidens*; and after *collegit*, dele *foribus*.

P. 276, l. 15 from bottom,—For *hevn*, read *fought*.

P. 292,—Before *Nightsang*, add—

*Nightertale*.—Night-time. Tyrwhitt explains the word as derived from the Saxon *nightern dæl*—*nocturna portio*.

“ So hote he loved, that by nightertale  
He slept no more than doth the nightingale.” *Chaucer*.

“ First the company that towards the Dauphin did conduct her (Joan of Arc) through places all dangerous as held by the English, where she never was afore, all the way & by nightertale safely did she lead.”—*Hollingshed*; *Illustr. Shaksp.*, act 1 *Henry VI*, part I.

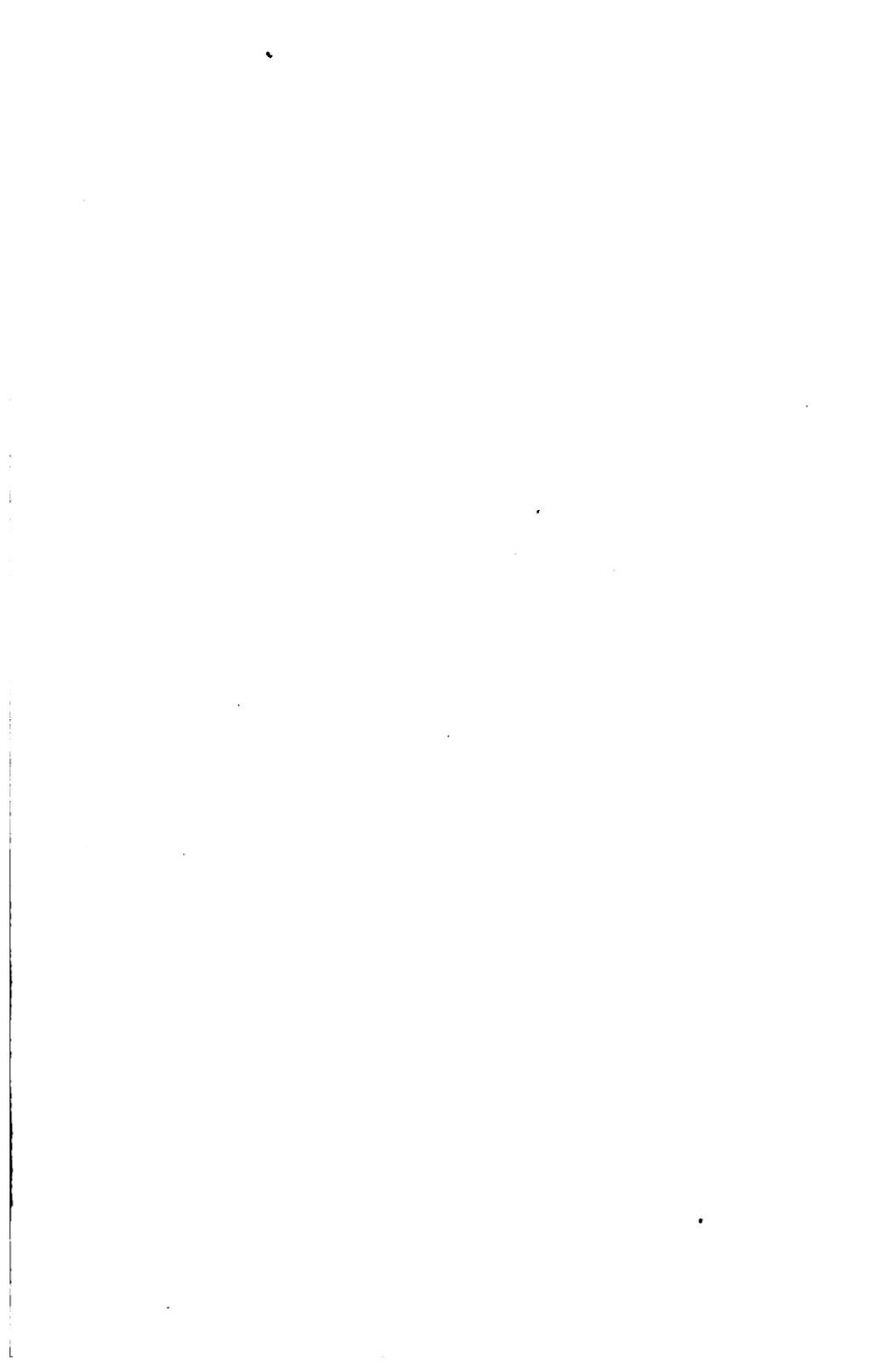
P. 331, l. 13.—For *Bracarens* II, read *Bracarens* II, or *Bracarense* II.

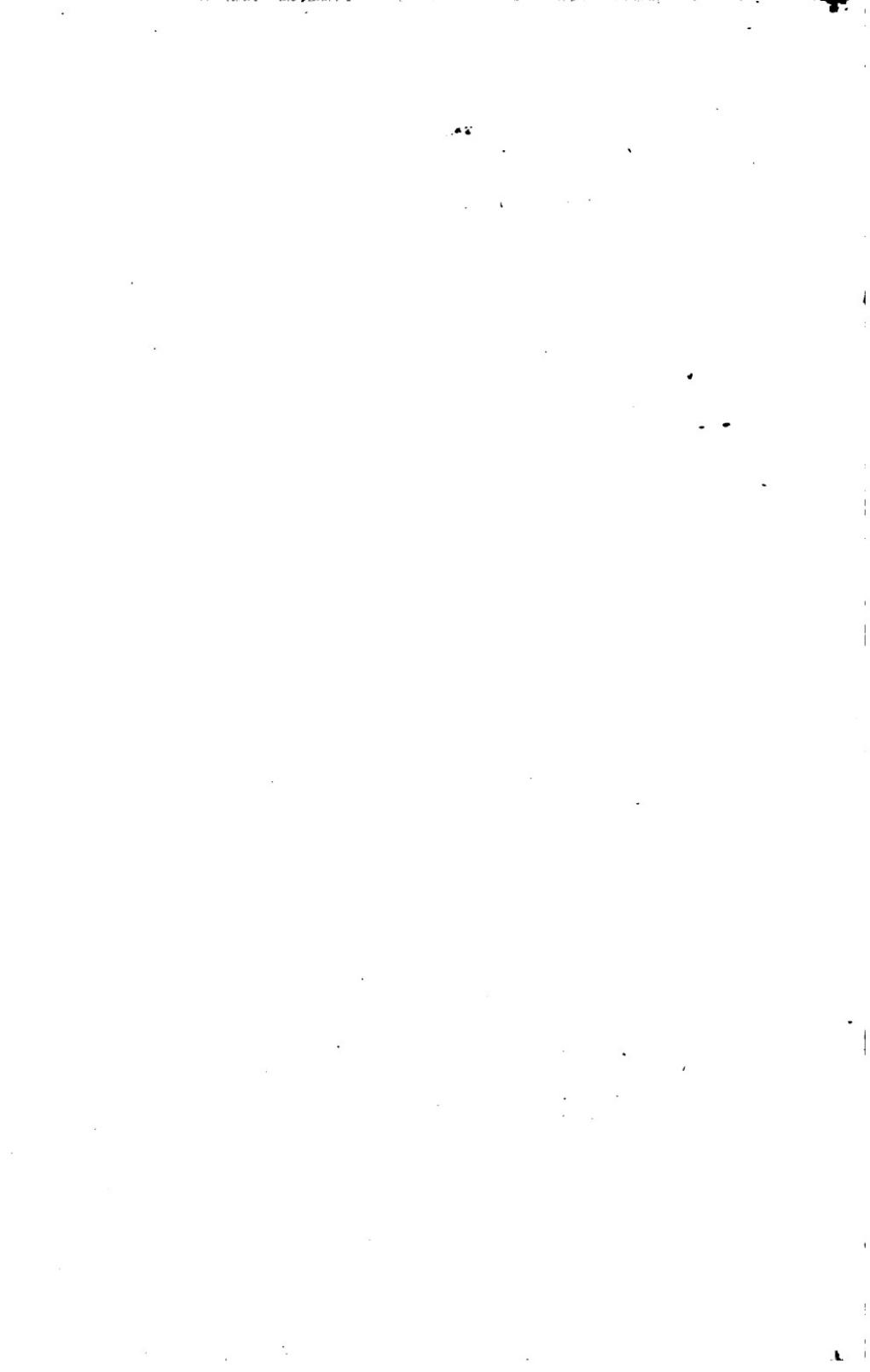
— 17.—Similar formulæ occur in Saxon dates, as in that of a council or mote held under Offa, king of the Mercians, in 896: *Rixen'dum u'gum ƿyñhtene þem helenban cnihtre eftær þon þe agan par ehta hund' pincna ȝ ryx ȝ hun'd nigontig eftær his acenneðneffe*, &c. (*Heming.*, *Chartul. Wigorn.*, p. 93). “ Regnante in perpetuum Domino nostro Ihesu Christo”—an. 899 (*Ib.*, p. 87; see also pp. 100, 153, &c.) A Mercian charter of 984 has the formula *Regnante Trinitate*: “ Alma et individua ubique et localiter regnante trinitate, &c.”—*Ib.*, p. 121.

P. 367, l. 17.—For *duke*, read *earl*. The story of the jew of Tewksbury is related in the Chronicle of London, p. 20: “ And in this yere, that is to seye the yere of our lord m<sup>i</sup>cclvij, there fel a Jewe into a prye at Tewkesbury upon a Saturday, the whiche wolde nought suffre hym selfe to be drawe out of the preve that day for reverence of his Sabot day: and S<sup>r</sup> Richard of Clare, thanne erle of Gloucestre herynge therof wolde nought suffre hym to be drawe out on the morwe after, that is to say on the Soneday, for reverence of his holy day; & so the Jewe deyde in the preve.”

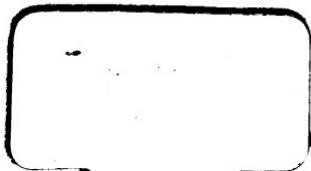
P. 398, l. 29.—For *quod*, read *quoad*.

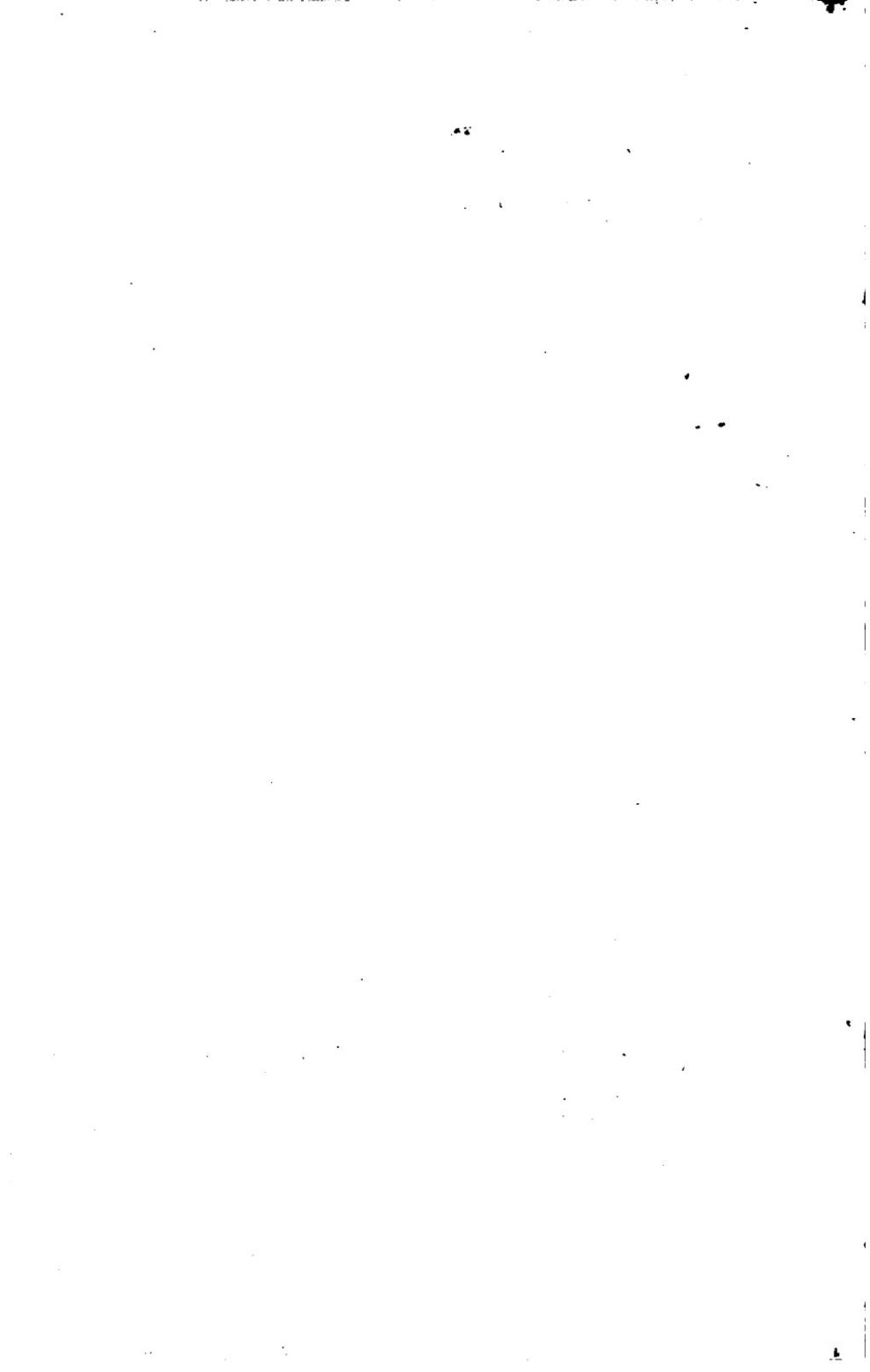
P. 414, l. 13.—According to the Chronicle of London (p. 95), Henry IV died March 21, 1412: “ In this yere of oure lord, m<sup>i</sup>ccccxij the xxj (xx Cott, MS.) of March on a Monday deyde kyng Herry the Fourthe at Westm.” The 21st March, 1412, fell on Monday, and the 20th of March, 1413, fell also on Monday. The Chronicle contains the following account of his successor's coronation: “ Thanne Herry the sone and heire of the sayd kyng Herry the Fourth began to reigne and com to London; and ayens hym to the Tour of London upon the Fryday; and on the morwe he rood thorugh Chepe with a gret roughe of Lordes & knyghtes, the whiche he hadde newe made in the Toure the nyght before unto Westm.” And on the morwe, that is to say Passion Soneday, the whiche was ful troublly wet day, he was crowned at Westm’ with michel ryalte.” Passion Sunday in 1413 was April 9. The writer of the Chronicle began the year at March 25, but mistook the day of the month on which Henry IV died.





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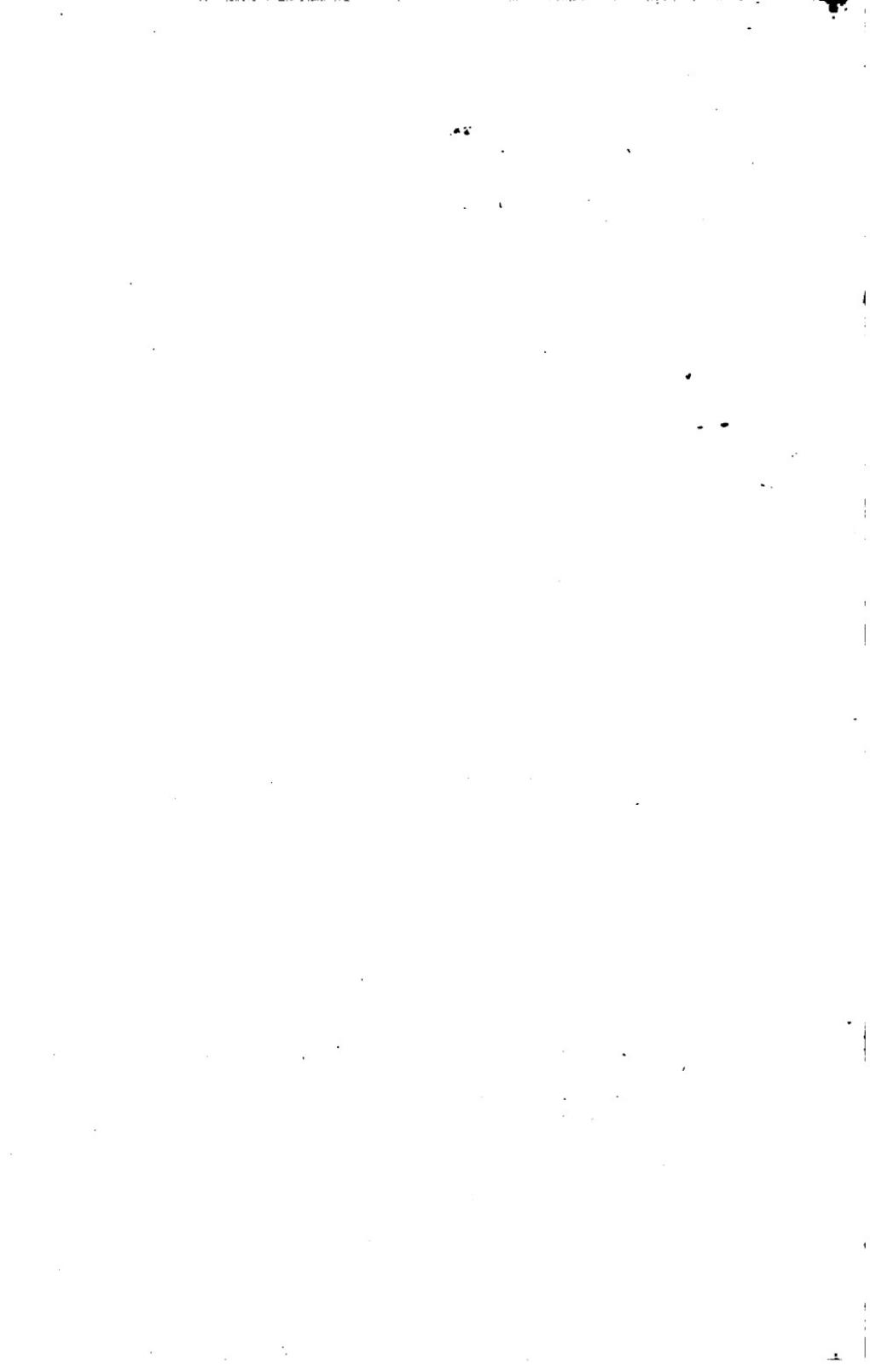






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